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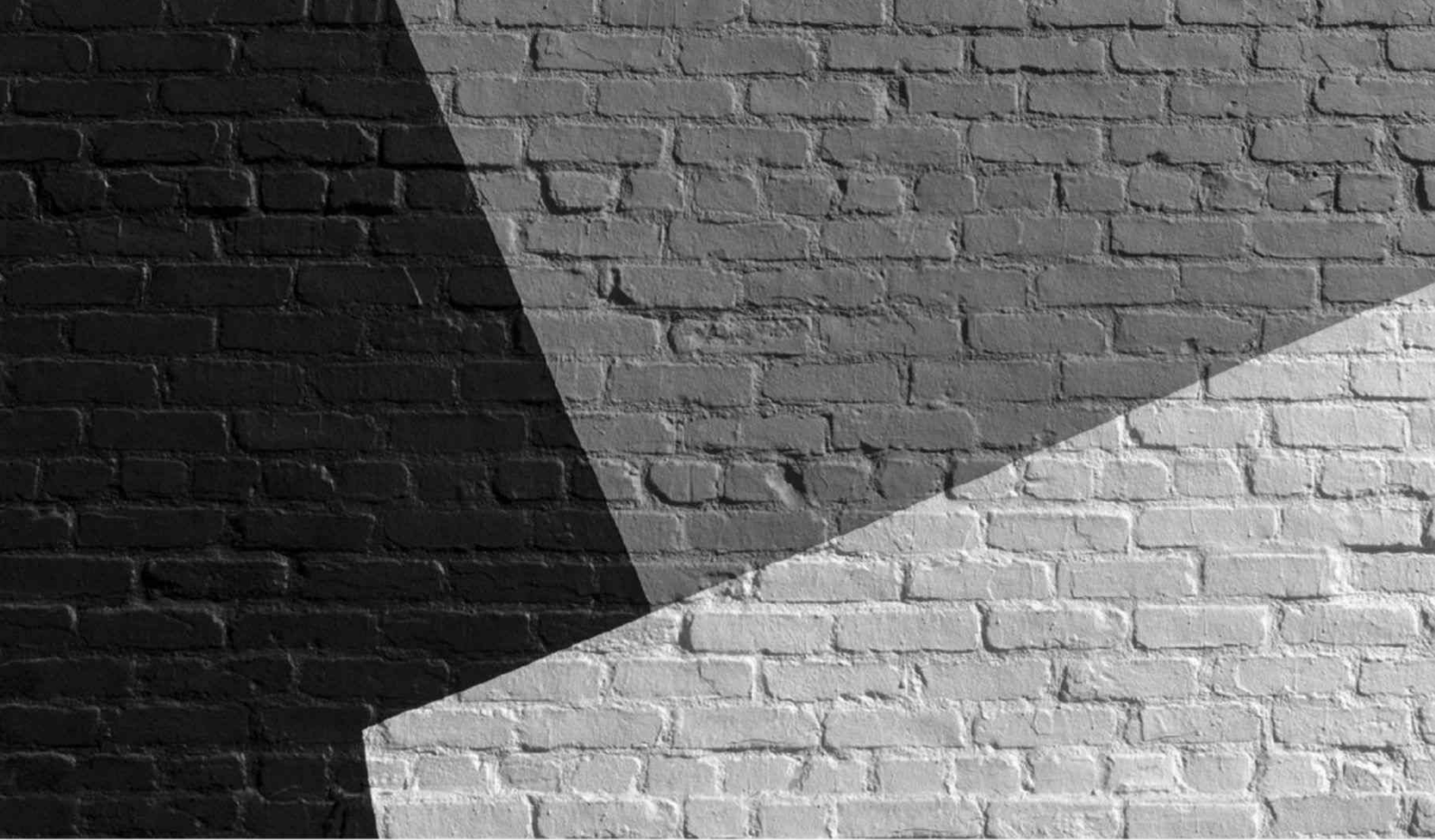
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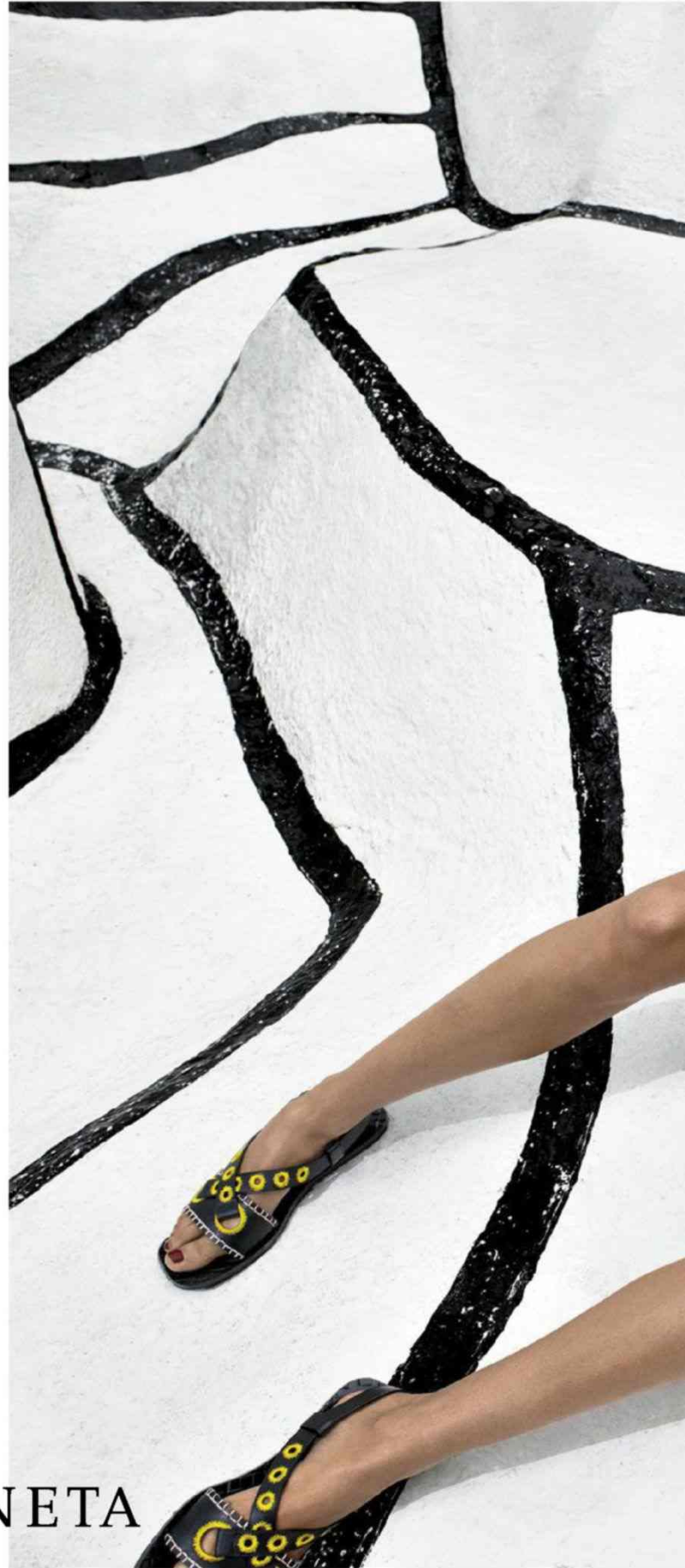






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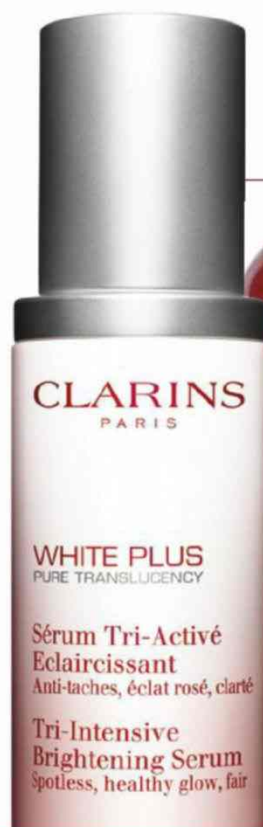


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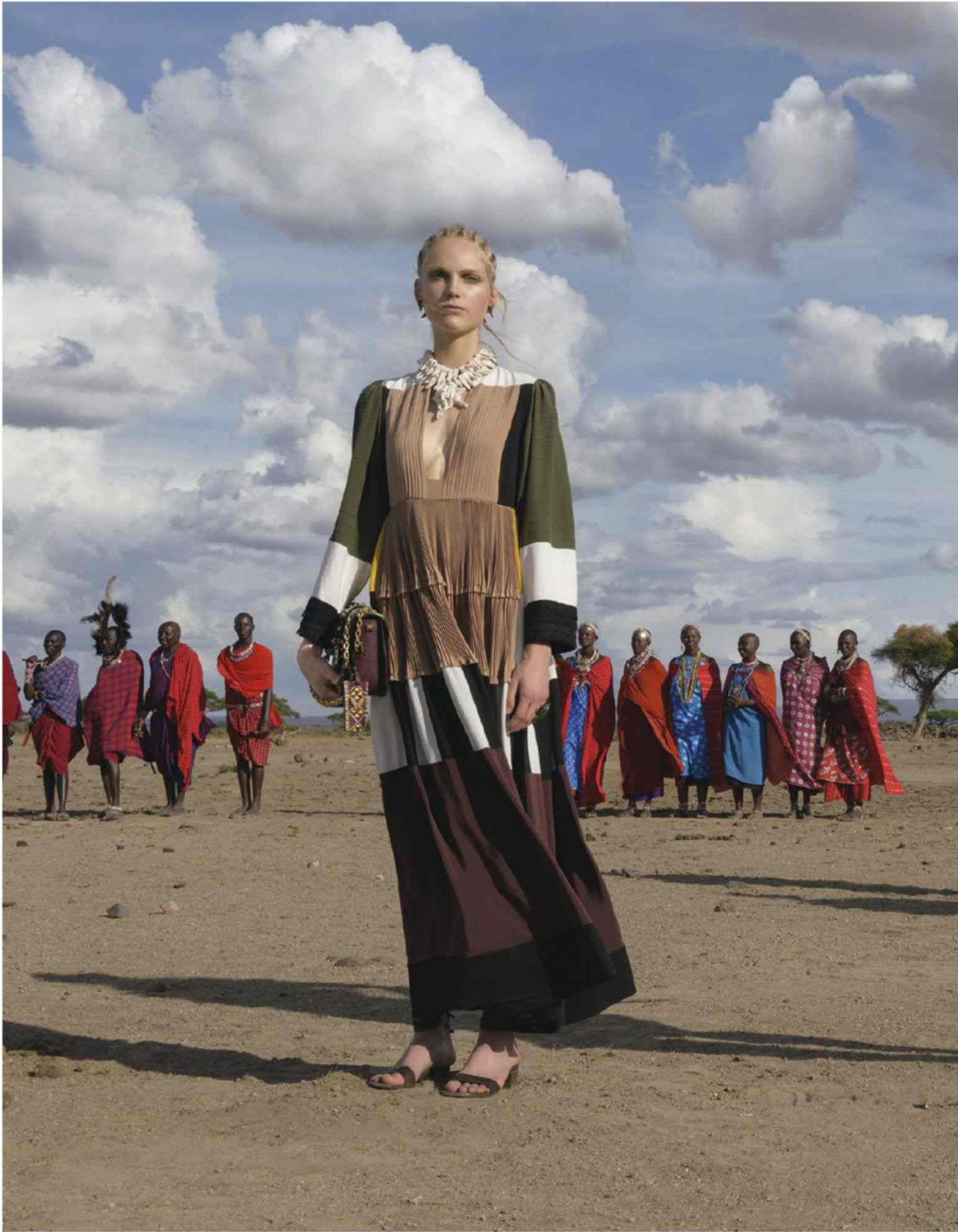
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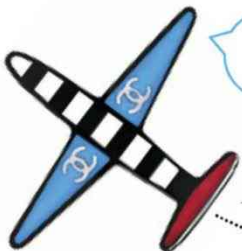
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Confession: I've been on a prolonged decluttering bender over the past few months, where I whittled down my wardrobe to 40 per cent of what I used to own and never wore — thank you, Marie Kondo.

Irony: I now find myself seduced by Spring/Summer 2016's maximalism. All of a sudden, I want to stock up on printed pieces, lingerie-inspired slips and more kooky shoes than I have space for in my newly-organised closet space. I guess a leopard-print lover can't change her spots.

So many temptations, but just one closet. What's a girl to do? Today, there are plenty of choices every fashion season. But in a place like Singapore where "mass individualism" is very much the norm, how do you stand out... And do you even want to? I'm reminded of what Iris Apfel, my favourite maximalist stylist, said: "There's no how-to road map to style. It's about self-expression, and above all, attitude." To help you navigate Spring/Summer 2016's crazy explosion of colour, print and high-impact style, our Front Row section, p.63, our ELLE Trends collections report, p.103, and our fashion spreads, p.119. For chic on a budget, Style Guide, from p.149, should get you sorted.



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Madonna is the queen of reinvention. If she ever conducted a *Masterclass in Session*, p.178, we're so there!



ELLE Trends, p.103, is our edit of Spring/Summer 2016's biggest fashion moments.

Attitude: Our cover girl, Madonna, who performed in Singapore on 28 February, has it by the truckload. How does she do it and always manage to stay ahead? *Masterclass in Session*, p.178, offers some ideas.

Madonna has kickstarted many fashion and beauty trends, but I will always associate her with bold lipstick. This season, beauty takes a distinct '90s U-turn, with a twist. Find out how to update your look and *Turn on the Charm*, p.162.

Feminism continues to be a dirty word in Singapore — a country where the Women's Charter, a legislative act to protect and advance the rights of women and girls in Singapore, was passed in 1961, before Singapore's independence. *Feminism: The (New) F-Word*, p.184, reminds us there's nothing dirty about gender equality.

In the world of comedy, women are a minority and it's not funny, says comedian Margaret Cho who performs in Singapore on 5 March. *Why So Serious?*, p.188, explores the psyche of the woman comedian, and her legacy on popular culture. I think Cho says it best: "Beauty fades, but funny is forever." Amen to that. ELLE

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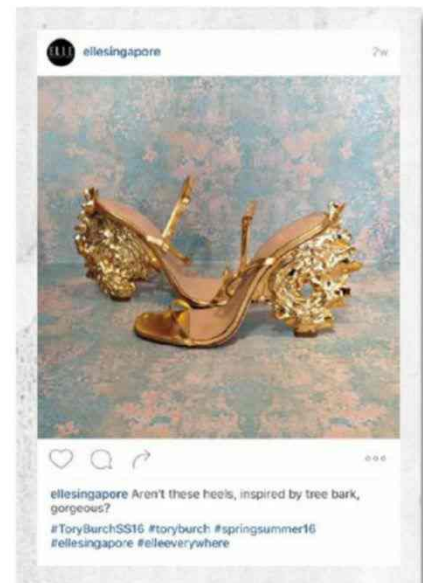
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Gary Barlow I have to say it has been brilliant. We've known each other for 25 years now, but don't tell anybody. We're having great, great fun. There wasn't really the option of stopping and not performing anymore.

You've been in the business for so long now. What continues to drive you and your creativity?

GB I am lucky enough to say I love what I do, so much. It gets me out of bed every single morning, and I hope I can do it for the rest of my life. I love the

live performing, the writing, every aspect of it. That's what continues to make me feel creative and make new music.

How has Take That been part of British pop music's evolution?

GB I think British music is, of course, brilliant... though I feel like bands in general have gone a bit quiet. We've got amazing talent like Ed Sheeran and Adele and Sam Smith. I tend not to think of us as contributing to British music; we just do what we do... we hope we bring joy to people.

What can we expect at your Singapore concert?

GB There's one thing we love and that's being in concert. It'll be a lively set list, I imagine.

How do you feel about coming back here?

GB We last toured Singapore over 20 years ago! I'm extremely excited to be back because we should have been back much sooner, so I apologise to everyone who's been waiting for us. We're extremely excited, and I'm looking forward to the weather — how about that! We're in the middle of winter here in the UK so I'm really looking forward to a little bit of Singapore sunshine. **ELLE**

Take That performs at Sentosa Golf Club — Driving Range on 5 Mar, 8pm. Tickets at \$138 to \$348 are available at Sistic, with complimentary entry to the HSBC Women's Champions 2016 Golf Tournament on the same day.

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WHAT Derek Zoolander and Hansel investigate a high-fashion conspiracy after a string of celebrities are found assassinated with the "Blue Steel" look on their faces.

WHO Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Benedict Cumberbatch

WHEN 3 Mar

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WHAT Tris and Four enter a far more dangerous world where a ruthless battle ignites beyond the walls of Chicago, threatening all of humanity.

WHO Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Jeff Daniels

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Over this three-day festival, soak in the atmosphere and shake off the blues to the sounds of performers like Joss Stone, Candy Dulfer, Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club and Singapore's own Charlie Lim. *Event Plaza, Marina Bay Sands. 4 to 6 Mar. Tickets at \$85 to \$150, Sistic.*



MARGARET CHO'S PSYCHO TOUR 2016

The three-time Grammy and Emmy nominated comedian performs her first show in Asia here. Expect her to cover issues close to her heart, including racism and police brutality. She will also pay tribute to late comedic greats Robin Williams and Joan Rivers. *Kallang Theatre. 5 Mar. Tickets at \$88 to \$148, Sistic.*



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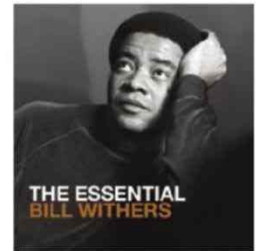
Based on Miguel de Cervantes' novel and staged by the Singapore Dance Theatre, this ballet follows the adventures of ageing knight Don Quixote and his devoted squire Sancho Panza. *Esplanade Theatre. 10 to 13 Mar. Tickets at \$30 to \$70, Sistic.*



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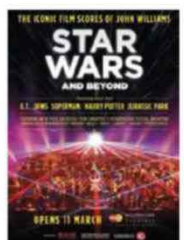
When it comes to feeling confident, there's nothing Lush 99.5FM's Tammy Henderson loves more than morning affirmations. She explains, "I say these each morning and they set the intention for the 24 golden hours we're gifted. They help me remain grateful, and remind me that I am one with and protected by the divine power of the universe, and I am a magnet for calm, peace and harmony." She also loves "a smile returned, an instant match when swiping right, and loving herself". Here are her top five tracks for the same feels.

- Breakout by **Swing Out Sister**
- Venus by **Bananarama**
- Man in the Mirror by **Michael Jackson**
- A Lovely Day by **Bill Withers**
- Starfish and Coffee by **Prince**

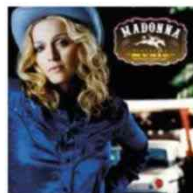
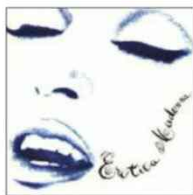


THE ICONIC FILM SCORES OF JOHN WILLIAMS: STAR WARS AND BEYOND

Film buffs will be taken on a musical journey featuring a light and laser display, and the 80-piece Metropolitan Festival Orchestra performing selections from *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, *Harry Potter* and *Star Wars*. *Grand Theatre, MasterCard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands. 12 Mar. Tickets at \$55 to \$165, Sistic.*



BEHIND THE COVER



Can you believe Madonna is 58, and into her 34th year as an entertainer? You name it, she's done it: Movies (she starred in *Shanghai Surprise* and *Dick Tracy* and directed *W.E.*), a James Bond theme song (*Die Another Day*), books (remember *The English Roses* series?), fashion campaigns (Versace, Dolce & Gabbana), music collaborations (Justin Timberlake, Nicki Minaj, Kanye West) and concert tour costume collabs (Jean-Paul Gaultier, Prada and Gucci). But we love her best for her music; after numerous albums, she remains a singing sensation to watch. As we look back at her body of work, we can't help but agree: She's still got it. **ELLE**



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Well-defined eyes with lots of mascara, red lips and scarlet nails – nobody does *femme fatale* quite like Madonna.



Through the years, Madonna's chameleon-like evolution has been immortalised by her album visuals. She's come a long way from a wide-eyed dancer to an evergreen sophisticate.

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super ego

Could a little *less confidence* make you a better person? By Tan Wei Lin

Most people think confidence is an innate quality — you either have it or you don't. Truth is, whatever the current state of your self-esteem, know that you were born with it inherent in your personality. Just think: As infants and toddlers, we explored the world with nary a fear, until we discovered that it's filled with things that could hurt us — both physically and emotionally. So, given such a promising start to our lives, how does one end up with a misshapen sense of self-worth? You have the many events that shaped your life, not to mention your parents, to thank for it.

Before you go blaming Mum and Dad or that fearsome primary school teacher for crushing your fragile self-esteem in your early years, consider this — it could have been a good thing. Because the one problem that's worse than a deficit in self-confidence is a surplus of it. Yes, self-assurance can be built up with positivity and encouragement. But just like a sculpture, it takes some chipping and carving to shape it into a proper art piece.

My belief is that everyone could benefit from a little self-doubt, a view that has formed perhaps from having encountered one over-inflated ego too many. No doubt, confidence can be charismatic — someone who acts with surety wins the trust of others easily — but that's only true when the person's abilities match up. Should the latter fall short of the former, the excess that's left is never desirable.

In an age when parents tend to overdo the

cheerleading where their children's pride is concerned, humility has become a neglected lesson. It's unfortunate that many see humility as a sign of weakness. Or perhaps it's a perspective coloured by arrogance: Humility doesn't mean humbling yourself before others — it is, rather, about acknowledging the fact that everyone is a sum of both good and bad parts. And while you're pondering over that, it's also good to remember this: No matter how rich, smart, beautiful or successful you are, there's bound to be someone else who is better than you.

That said, what one perceives as self-confidence could well be over-confidence in another person's eyes. It also doesn't help that a narcissist rarely stops gazing in the figurative mirror long enough to process what's happening in the world outside.

Nevertheless, there are tell-tale signs. For one, the self-confidence that commands admiration is seldom to be found in loud and noisy types. Secondly, if it comes with a lot of self-promotion, subtle or otherwise, you'll get a sense that something is not quite right. Above all, the truly self-assured do not acquire their confidence at the expense of others, nor feel the compulsion to be right all the time.

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A little awareness of the feelings of others goes a long way in ensuring that one doesn't cross that fine line. If that's too difficult to accomplish, the simplest thing one can do is to observe others a little more, and focus on yourself a little less. Yes, you are important and it's enough that you know it yourself. Doesn't it count unless you hear it from someone else? E.L.L.E

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ELLE FRONTROW

LET THERE
BE LIGHT

As the saying goes, “cleanliness is next to godliness”. Likewise in fashion: Keep it clean this Spring/Summer with light textures — just divine!

THE WHITE REPORT



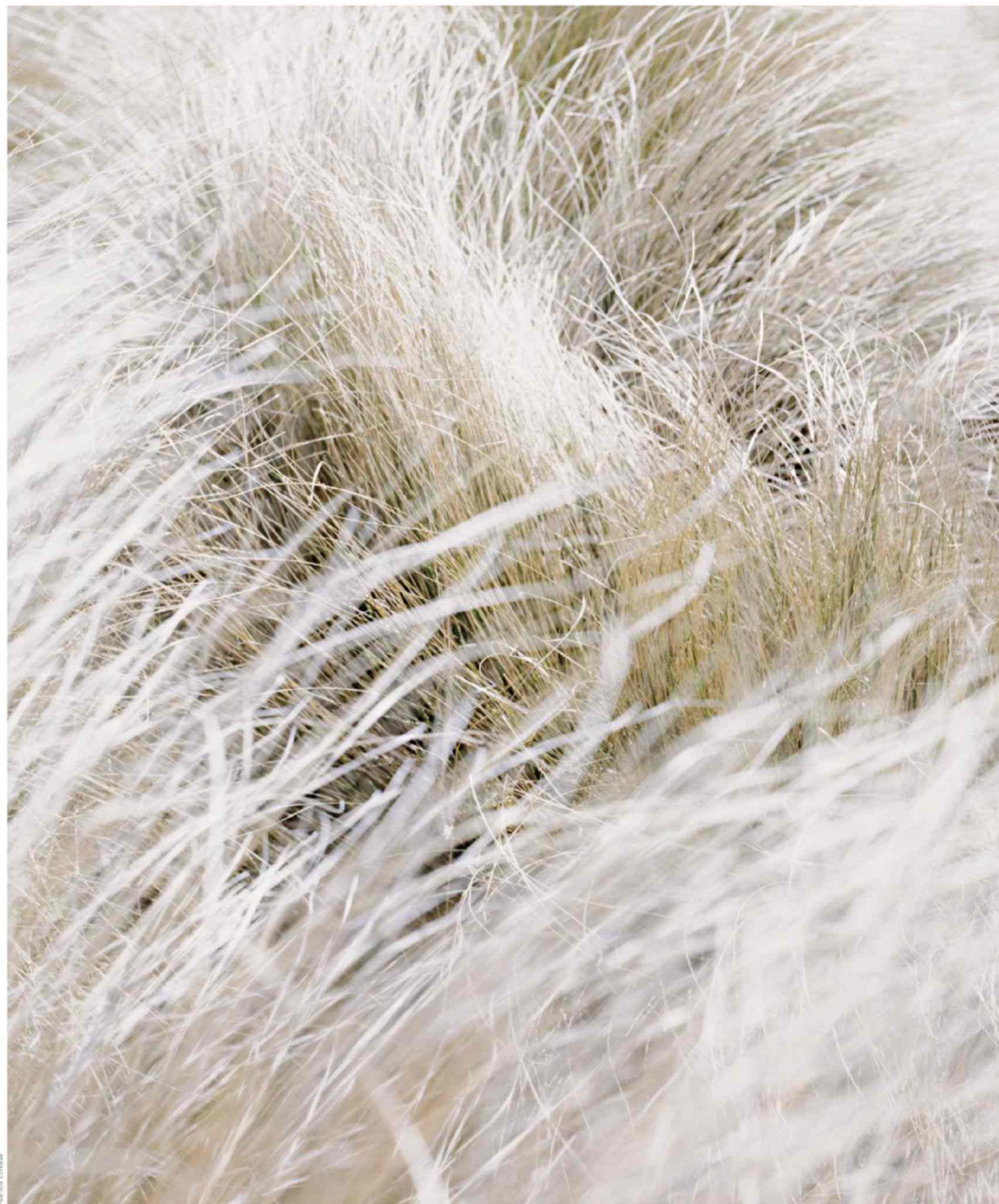
Acetate sunglasses
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Natural calf-skin
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KEY TREND

the new '50s

A nod to the era's ladylike skirt suit – with a dash of off-kilter *eclecticism*.

Brass key and heart necklace, \$1,950, by **GIVENCHY BY RICCARDO TISCI**



Cotton quilted backpack with chain straps, by **CHANEL**.



THE FASHION DIRECTOR
DECONSTRUCTS

day-to-night denim

The success of *denim* lies in its versatility.

Designers love denim because consumers do. Season after season, this hardy blue fabric makes an appearance on runways, offering its fans infinite fabric manipulations and colour-wash options.

This Spring/Summer has its fair share of novelty blues, two of which came from Alexander McQueen's Sarah Burton, who fashioned rips that looked meticulously homespun, and Lanvin's Alber Elbaz, who reinterpreted faded denim with a sparkly wash of sequin embroidery on beige tulle.

At Chloé, Stella McCartney and Chanel, the material starred in both staple pieces and voluminous silhouettes for a touch of fashion drama. Karl Lagerfeld's theme for Chanel was travel and he chose denim as one of the go-to fabrics for the modern-day globetrotter. Of course: With denim's endless mix-and-match versatility, the new blues are even more essential to your travel capsule wardrobe. **ELLE**



Patent calfskin pumps with acrylic Pilgrim buckles, by **ROGER VIVIER**.



Models backstage at Chanel sporting blue jean-inspired "sunnies".



Patchwork denim poncho, \$2,950, by **SAINT LAURENT**.



Woven suede tote, \$4,650, by **LOEWE**.



Denim T-shirt-inspired blouse, by **COS**.



ALEXANDER MCQUEEN



Born This Way (2011),
by Lady Gaga.



Ashes to Ashes (1980),
by David Bowie.



Oops, I Did It Again
(2000), by Britney Spears.

Paco Rabanne's
futuristic designs
from the 1960s.



UP, UP AND AWAY

The space race between America and the Soviet Union in the 1960s marked an age of extensive space exploration that enthralled fashion designers. The godfathers of Space Age-inspired apparel – André Courrèges, Rudi Grenreich, Paco Rabanne and Pierre Cardin – created futuristic designs that referenced space travel and used synthetic fabrics like PVC, chainmail and acrylic.

TRACK THE TREND

space oddity

The future of fashion is now.



LOEWE



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GROUND CONTROL

The futuristic designs this Spring/Summer 2016 were inspired by the Milky Way (and beyond).

VETEMENTS



MAISON MARGIELA

FANTASTIC PLASTIC

Take your wardrobe to the year 2300 with these space-chic accessories.



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MAN ON THE MOON

Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon, but his partner Buzz Aldrin was the first to urinate there, all while millions watched the moon landing of 1969 on TV.

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Plexi lace and leather peep-toe bootie, by **JIMMY CHOO**.



WISH LIST

dark florals

Goth-inspired blooms on gossamer fabrics lend a mysterious, romantic vibe.



Silk dress, \$7,130, by **SAINT LAURENT**.



CALVIN KLEIN

TOPSHOP UNIQUE



Bhoomika leather headpiece with feathers, \$980, by **MAISON MICHEL**, from On Pedder.



Crepe dress, \$1,555, by **JW ANDERSON** from Matchesfashion.com.



Embroidered leather loafer, \$1,100, by **TOD'S**.



Embroidered silk clutch, by **MCQ ALEXANDER MCQUEEN**.



Xiamen suede sandal, \$1,100, by **PAUL ANDREW** from On Pedder.



ALEXANDER MCQUEEN



Embroidered leather skirt, by **ALEXANDER MCQUEEN**.

TEXT & STYLING GRACIA PHANG

INTRODUCING THE NEW EAU DE TOILETTE

LOVE STORY Chloé





Studded denim skirt, \$1,327, by **MIU MIU** from *Net-a-porter.com*.



CHANEL



Leather bucket bag with metal chain straps, by **ALEXANDER WANG**.



Calfskin biker bracelets with brass buckle, \$940 each, by **CÉLINE**.



Gold- and silver-plated brass studded leather sandal, \$2,010, by **GUCCI**.

WISH LIST

hardware zone

Who knew *heavy-duty touches* could look so refined and ladylike?



GUCCI



Leather bum bag with leather key rings, \$2,010, by **MOSCHINO**.



Studded leather mini-dress, \$1,860, by **MCQ ALEXANDER MCQUEEN** from *Net-a-porter.com*.



VALENTINO



GIVENCHY BY RICCARDO TISCI



Natalia calf hair bag, \$4,750, by **TOM FORD**.



Hardware-embellished calfskin booties with goatskin cap-toe, \$1,890, by **LOEWE**.

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Brass earrings,
by CÉLINE.

Pearl earrings, by
SALVATORE
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OSCAR DE LA RENTA



18K gold and pearl
earrings, US\$671
(\$966), by DELFINA
DELETTREZ, from
Net-a-porter.com.

WISH LIST

shoulder dusters

Dramatic yet delicate, these statement earrings bring attention to a sensual shoulder line and décolletage.



Fringed gold-plated brass
ear cuffs with pearls,
US\$182 (\$262), by
ROSANTICA, from
Net-a-porter.com.



Metal chain earrings, by
ALEXANDER WANG.



Stone and metal
statement earrings,
by TORY
BURCH.



Mosaic gold-plated brass earrings,
\$876, by HERVÉ VAN DER
STRAETEN, from Luisaviaroma.com.



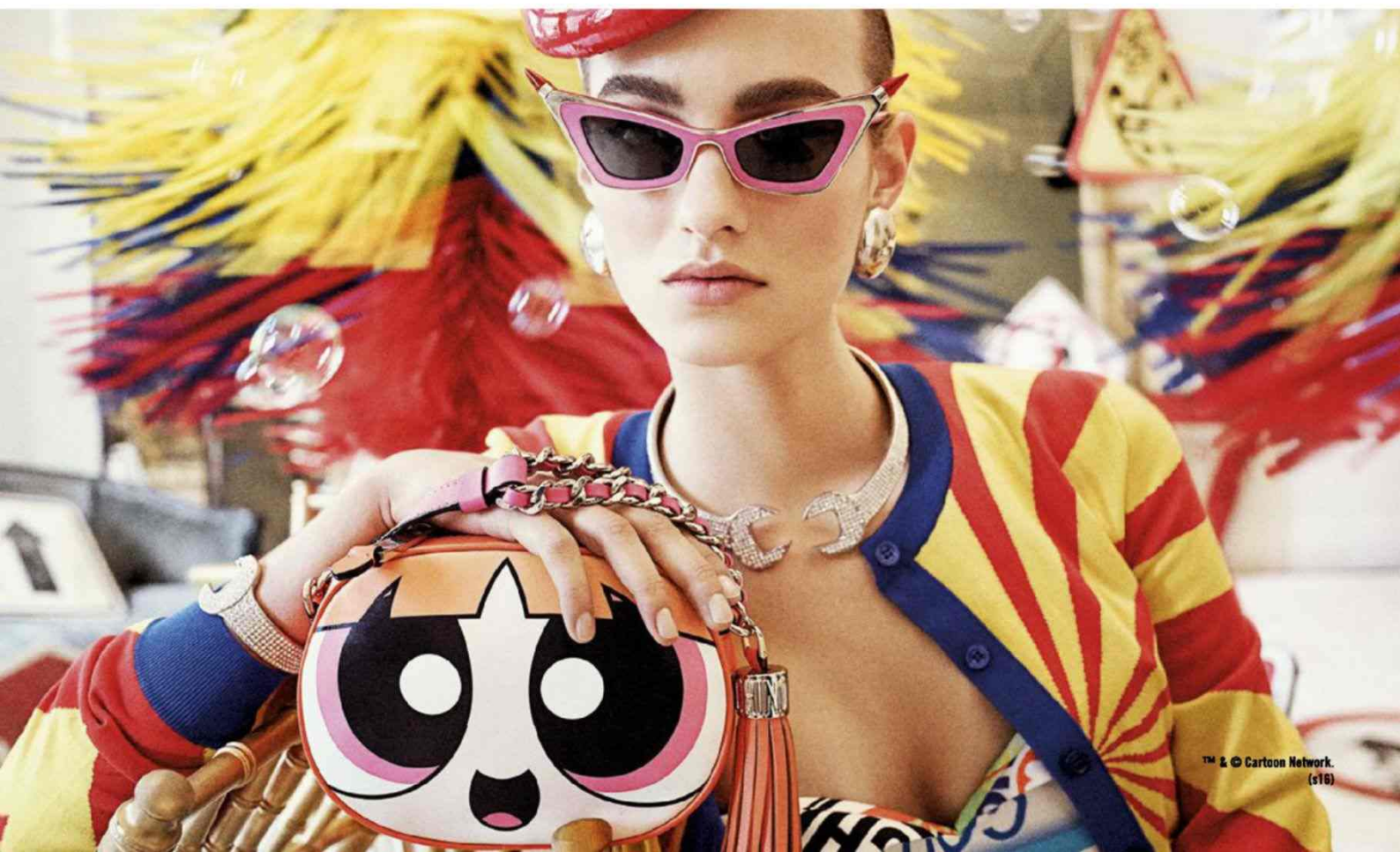
ROBERTO CAVALLI



GUCCI



MOSCHINO



SPRING FORWARD

Nuffnang's style influencer, Rachel Wong, hits the refresh button on feminine-chic Spring dressing with her go-to label of choice: Guess' Spring 2016 collection.

Tap into a new youthful sophistication coupled with the chic wearability of AM-to-PM classics. What more can a girl ask for?

"I was pleasantly surprised to find a floral-print jacket in the new Guess collection. I like that it has an equal measure of pretty versus edgy — two ideal elements that give an ensemble its final touch."

— Rachel Wong @rchlwngxx



MOLLY DENIM DRESS, \$199, LEATHER BRACELETS, \$69 EACH, AND DELANEY FAUX LEATHER BAG, \$79, ALL BY GUESS.

(OPPOSITE) BRID FAUX LEATHER JACKET, \$235, CROP SHIRT, \$109, AND DENIM JEANS, \$185, ALL BY GUESS.



"I like how the simplicity of denim can be transformed into a dress this sexy and grown-up. I would take this bustier dress from day to night with a switch of accessories, such as bags. They are my weakness."

FIVE HOT PICKS



BELLA PEPLUM BUSTIER TOP, \$135



LACE CORSET BRA, \$65



PATCHWORK DENIM MINI-SKIRT, \$135



SIERRA STRIPED PENCIL SKIRT, \$119



DENIM DRESS WITH BELL SLEEVES, \$185



White gold diamond pavé Giardini Italiani bracelet, by BVLGARI.

LUST LIST

diamonds are forever

Fashion magpies, this one's for you.

There is some truth to the statement: “Diamonds are forever.” Diamonds symbolise everlasting love, and who doesn’t love the sparkle of a beautifully-crafted diamond piece? One of the more ornate styles of diamond jewellery features *pavé* work, in which diamonds of various cuts and sizes are set close together to form glittering works of wearable art. Bulgari’s Giardini Italiani bracelet is a fine example of this. Inspired by Renaissance-era Italian gardens, the bracelet’s metalwork suggests topiary art as well as a cuff — all the better, we think, to enslave us to our glittering passion. ELLE



White gold and diamonds Ruban choker, by CHANEL.



Extremely Sparkling white gold and diamond ear cuff, by PIAGET.



Platinum and diamonds bracelet, \$741,000, by TIFFANY & CO.

VINTAGE RULES



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TOPSHOP



RUNWAY MOMENT

sail away

Not many fashion designers would consider the appeal of a massive sail for an elegant dress, let alone a style that transitions effortlessly from AM to PM. Bottega Veneta creative director Tomas Maier, inspired by the spirit of adventure, does just that for Spring/Summer: “The lines of the sail gave me the cut of the dress. We made our own fabric to mimic that of a sail, its sound and its structure.”

“This is a collection about being individualistic, being your own person. This is about the statement, about eccentricity,” he adds, referring to the collection’s unusual finishings, including cord details such as guy-ropes — tensioned cables commonly used in raising ship masts or camping tents. For the runway, they were used to hold up the tent-like “sail” dresses, along with touches like industrial-style grommets. The effect? A *sportif*, rugged vibe that, contrasted with Maier’s luxe touch, is both covetable and anti-cool cool. ELLE



BEAUTY RADAR

queen bee

Lead the pack with polished skin and touch-me hair.



1
Hydrate and prep skin for flawless makeup application with the **HOURGLASS No. 28 Primer Serum**, \$101. Bonus: You can use it on the ends of your hair to seal split ends, too.



2
Groom brows with the 3-in-1 **L'ORÉAL PARIS Super Liner Brow Designer Artist**, \$21.90. Define your arches with the pencil liner, fill in spaces with the powder tip, and comb strands into place with the spoolie brush.



3
Transform your tresses with a glide of the **GHD Platinum hair straightener**, \$420, which ensures sleek locks or face-framing waves from roots to ends without frying your strands.



4
Create a new 'do with eye-catching hair accessories like this white metal headband by **CHANEL**.

Satin silk bow headband, \$280, by **KIM ROBINSON**.



INSPIRATION: *Gossip Girl*'s Blair Waldorf (top) and Beyoncé (right).

6

Colour, shine and lip care in one product — **CHANEL's Rouge Coco Stylo** in #202 Conte, \$49, does it all.



5
Spritz on **MARC JACOBS Daisy Blush Eau So Fresh**, \$125, to wake the senses with zesty fruity-floral notes of pink grapefruit and rose.



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A woman with dark hair is lying on her back in a field of tall grass and small white flowers. She is wearing a bright red long-sleeved button-down shirt and white trousers. Her legs are bent at the knees, and she is wearing red suede loafers with tan leather straps. She has a joyful expression, with her eyes closed and a wide smile. The UGG logo is centered over the image.

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BEAUTY TREND

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Cool hues of blue make *super-flattering eye makeup* for brown-eyed girls.



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SEPHORA Colorful Eyeshadow Glitter in 251 Pool Party, \$17.



SHU UEMURA Drawing Crayon in S Blue, \$38.



BOURJOIS Contour Waterproof in Blue Remix, \$15.80.



ILLAMASQUA Powder Eye Shadow in Sadist #01, \$69.



YVES SAINT LAURENT BEAUTÉ Mascara Volume Effet Faux Cils N3 Bleu Extreme, \$52.



TOM FORD Crème Color for Eyes in Siren Blue, \$68.



ESTÉE LAUDER Pure Color Envy Sculpting Eyeshadow 5-Color Palette in Infamous Sky, \$80.



BOURJOIS Volume Glamour Holidays Mascara in Electric Blue, \$14.



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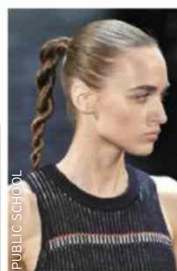
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ORIGINAL & MINERAL *C Paste*, \$44.

BEAUTY TREND

twists & turns

Any way you like it (or any way you know how), just twist some braids into your hair for the *coolest 'do*.



LIESE *Airy Volumizing Hair Spray*, \$9.90.



GHD *Air*, \$320.



PERCY & REED *Perfecting Wonder Cleanse & Nourish*, \$44.



LIVING PROOF *Curl Leave-In Conditioner*.



AVEDA *Control Paste*, \$48.



OSCAR BLANDI *Braid Paste*, \$36.



AVEDA *Wooden Paddle Brush*, \$52.

BRAID IT LIKE BLAKE

Nobody makes plaits look as effortlessly chic as Blake Lively.



TEXT MELISSA CHEW PHOTOS TPG NEWS

SPOTLIGHT



beach, please

Inspired by *South-east Asia*, Tory Burch's Spring/Summer 2016 collection is your new resort uniform.

A recent trip to Cambodia, specifically the Unesco World Heritage Site Angkor Wat, inspired Tory Burch's Spring/Summer 2016 collection and got her thinking about "beauty in unexpected places" that have been "enhanced through time and nature".

At first glance, Burch's breezy beach resort-ready pieces seem more island-cool rather than culturally inspired chic. But a closer look reveals tantalising clues: Bold, opulent elements are juxtaposed against natural fabrics like cotton and linen, washed in vibrant, tropical colours of blue, red and — of course — Tory Burch's signature orange. There's also a number of wraparound gowns that recall our South-east Asian *sarong*, which appeared as exotic as they were urban, especially when paired with jewellery, crafted in beautifully aged, oxidised metals.

The natural world also makes a cameo in several looks, from a feminine frock covered in a subtle leaf print to coordinated separates in floral lace. Embellishments, modelled after vines, leaves and flowers, are scattered throughout the collection — right down to the ankle-strap sandals, fashioned in a minimalist style but accentuated with an elaborate "tree bark" heel.

At the centre of it all, Tory Burch stays true to her preppy boho-luxe aesthetic that women have come to love and covet. In doing so, she has created a dream wardrobe for the well-travelled city girl who's equally at home on a tropical island getaway. **ELLE**

TRENDSPOTTING

The season's biggest trends, all in one collection at Tory Burch.



DETAILS

now you see me

An inventive strap for the wrist gives Hermès' pocket watch more *visibility*.



In The Pocket watch in rose gold, with matte Havana alligator strap and cord, \$55,180, and Hippopotamus silk twill scarf, \$600.

A strap that lets you wear a pocket watch on the wrist — it's a brilliant example of Hermès' ingenuity. In 1912, Jacqueline Hermès, still a child and already a keen horse rider, received an innovative leather strap from her father, Émile-Maurice (who was then the owner of the Hermès company). Called a *porte-oignon*, it secured her pocket watch to her wrist while she was riding. Who would have known that this equestrian accessory would make a fine showcase for this modern-day horological statement piece? ELLE

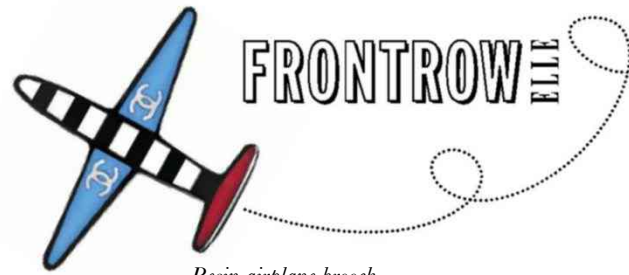
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10 RULES OF STYLE

alexa chung

More than just an “It” girl, this model, TV presenter and author is now a technopreneur.



Resin airplane brooch, by CHANEL.



Ayers bag, \$3,450, by MIU MIU.

THE CHUNG EQUATION



British

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Youngest of four siblings

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Five-time UK ELLE Style Awards winner

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Jane Birkin fan

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Entrepreneur

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Alexa Chung

- 1 FASHION IS A HUGE PART OF MY LIFE...** But I don't necessarily feel comfortable always talking about clothes on my personal social media.
- 2 I USE MY NEW APP, VILLOID, TO PLAY AROUND WITH LOOKS...** It's a virtual dressing-up app where you can create mood boards with products ranging from Asos to Miu Miu. You can then share your style, follow friends, and buy the items with a click of a mouse.
- 3 MY SENSE OF STYLE IS...** More high-street than high-end on a daily basis.
- 4 MY VERSION OF SEXY IS...** A great turtleneck and a pair of flats. I feel uncomfortable in anything tight or body-con. Maybe I'm constantly fighting for people to listen to what I have to say, so it seems undermining to look too girly or frivolous.
- 5 ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE MY WARDROBE IS...** A “floordrobe”. I'm a hoarder — I don't wear 70 per cent of my clothes, but I can't bear to throw them away.
- 6 I OFTEN SHOP AT...** Zara or Liberty London. I may borrow a fancy dress when I get invited to events, but I still feel uncomfortable spending vast amounts of money on clothes.
- 7 I'LL ALWAYS WEAR...** Moisturiser. I don't often wear makeup. I think that comes from my mum.
- 8 HAVING NOTHING TO WEAR IS...** A mood thing that never goes away.
- 9 I OVERCOME THE JITTERS AT GRAND EVENTS BY...** Being confident, and knowing that nothing bad can happen. There's no real downside than being self-conscious.
- 10 WHENEVER I'M INVOLVED IN SOMETHING CREATIVE, I WANT TO...** Be in control. If I don't like it, I don't do it... I don't want to mess up. ELLE



Denim jumpsuit, \$109, by ZARA.



Chung has launched her styling app, Villoid, on her Instagram account (@chungalexa).

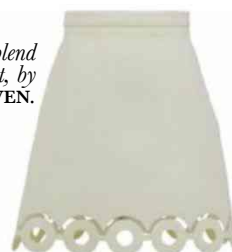


Viscose sweater, \$305, by TRADEMARK from Matchesfashion.com.



GG detail leather moccasin, \$1,320, by GUCCI.

Polyester-blend miniskirt, by CARVEN.

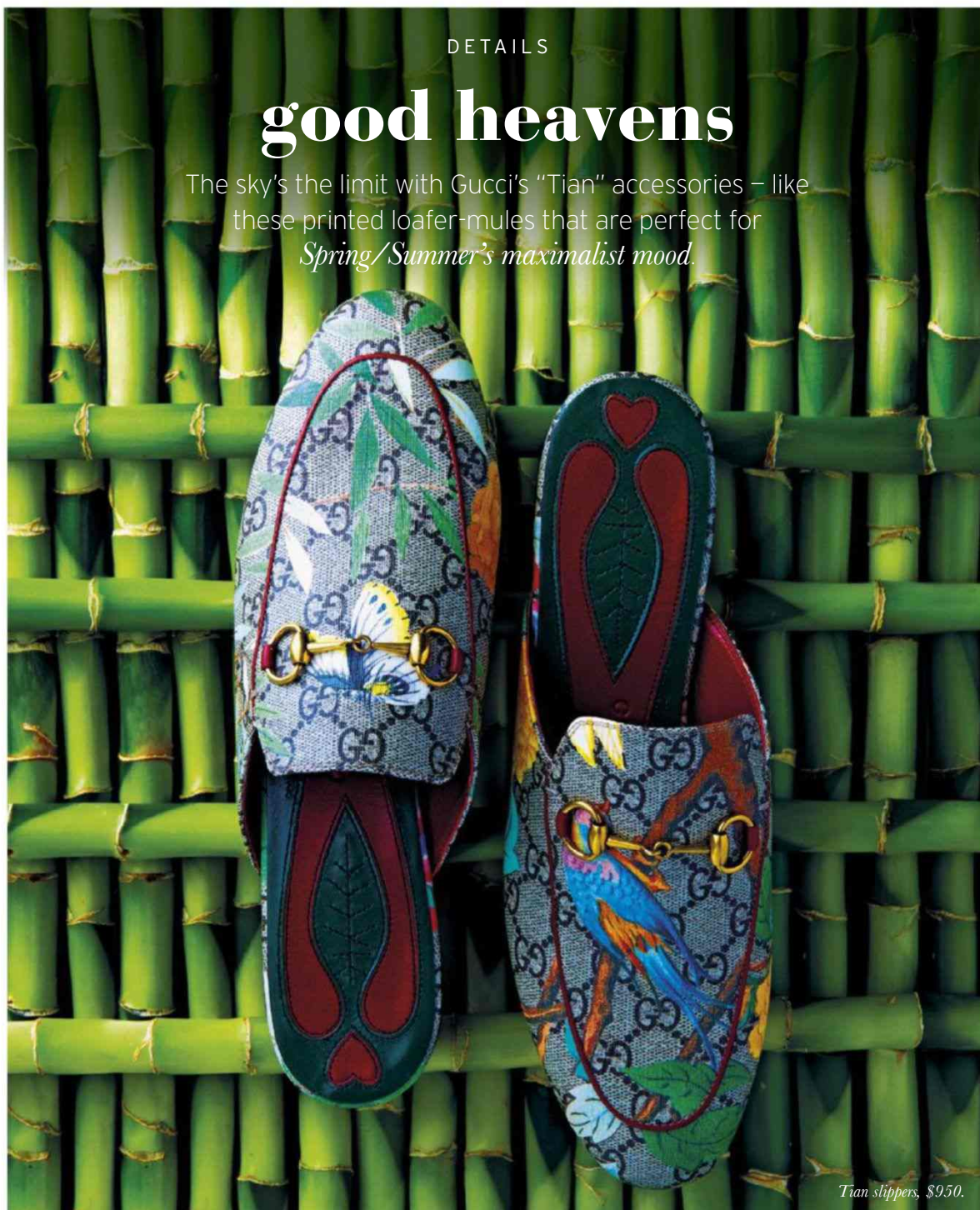


Dressed in a frock by one of her favourite British designers, Erdem.

DETAILS

good heavens

The sky's the limit with Gucci's "Tian" accessories – like these printed loafer-mules that are perfect for *Spring/Summer's maximalist mood.*



Tian slippers, \$950.

Cross a classic Gucci loafer with a slipper, throw in a vintage-inspired wallpaper print and wrap it all up in a GG Supreme monogram — and you've got the season's most covetable footwear. It's a mule, but it's a far cry from the flirty heeled slip-ons Carrie Bradshaw tottered around in on *Sex and the City*. This backless slide with a low heel is covered in the "Tian" print, a new floral pattern inspired by 18th-century tapestries and Gucci creative director Alessandro Michele's idea of a Chinese heavenly landscape. ELLE

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DESIGNER GENIUS

edoardo caovilla

The third-generation creative director of René Caovilla has *great plans* for the Italian brand.



Caovilla introduced casual shoes such as sneakers and boots to the brand, which is best known for its elegant shoes.



How did you discover your passion for designing shoes?

EDOARDO CAOVILLA I used to spend time with my father at our headquarters in Venice. It was such a wonderful place full of creativity and passion. It was then that I decided to follow in my father's footsteps to design shoes.

You're a third-generation Caovilla in a family business that started in 1934. How has the brand evolved?

EC Since the very beginning, we've always been creating elegant shoes that marry tradition with research, craftsmanship and innovative techniques. During my father's time, the brand grew and [we eventually opened] standalone boutiques. I've introduced casual shoes: Espadrilles, biker boots, and sneakers — all with a luxurious touch.

What's your creative process like?

EC Research always inspires creativity. The most challenging part is turning inspirations into concrete creations, such as experimenting with fabrics, shapes and embellishments.

What's the best thing about the made-to-order service at Pedder on Scotts?

EC It was interesting to see customers apply their unique colour combinations on our iconic styles.

It was extraordinary.

Who is the René Caovilla woman?

EC Women, both traditional and modern... One who's hardworking, active, confident and independent. I always design for strong, feminine women who like to look sexy and elegant all the time.

Any plans to introduce bags and jewellery?

EC We celebrated our 80th anniversary with a capsule collection of glamorous shoes. We may celebrate our next milestone with a limited-edition collection of jewellery... Who knows?

How important is social media for you?

EC Social media and influencers have definitely changed the fashion industry by bringing it into a democratic phase. Through these new avenues, customers are able to learn more about our products and brand history. *ELLE*

TEXT GRACIA PHANG PHOTOS ON PEDDER & IMAXTREE

Edoardo Caovilla at On Pedder, which offers a made-to-order service for René Caovilla.





WHAT: Gucci
WHERE: Berlin rooftop
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FEATURING: Polina Oganicheva, Peyton Knight, Elizabeth Moore, Nicole Atieno, Mia Gruenwald, Anka Kurydina, Viola Podkopaeva, Jacob Hugo Goldhoorn, Timothy Dibble, Arnis Cievala and Anton Tofgart.



WHAT: Valentino
WHERE: Amboseli National Park, Kenya
SHOT BY: Steve McCurry
FEATURING: Alice Metza, Cameron Traiber, Greta Varlese, Kirin Dejonckheere and Tami Williams



WHAT: Michael Michael Kors
WHERE: Beverly Hills, USA
SHOT BY: Mario Testino
FEATURING: Aneta Pajak and Grace Hartzel



WHAT: Versace
WHERE: Salt Flats, California, USA
SHOT BY: Steven Klein
FEATURING: Gigi Hadid, Natasha Poly and Raquel Zimmermann



WHAT: Tommy Hilfiger
WHERE: Mustique Island, Caribbean
SHOT BY: Craig McDean
FEATURING: Behati Prinsloo... and a dozen shirtless guys

FASHION NEWS

around the world

The *best places to be* this Spring/Summer, according to these fashion ad campaigns.

The age-fighter your skin needs now

Five reasons why you need Fresh's new Black Tea Age-Delay Firming Serum.



#1 Neutralises free radicals

Known as the "immortal elixir", antioxidant-rich *kombucha* is consumed for good health, beauty and longevity. With *kombucha* as a key ingredient, Fresh's new Black Tea Age-Delay Firming Serum promises the same beautifying and revitalising benefits for skin, helping it to battle free radical damage and keeping it youthful. This is why it's dubbed the #ImmortalElixir for your skin.

#2 Lifts & firms effectively

The formula also combines *kombucha* with other natural powerhouse ingredients: Black tea extract to soothe skin irritation and lychee seed extract to promote elasticity and smoothness. To prevent skin from sagging, blackberry leaf extract, skin-building peptides and honeysuckle leaf extract were added. This trio of ingredients effectively lifts and firms the skin by reinforcing it from within.

#3 Smooths & refines skin

This carefully formulated skin-loving blend delivers exactly what every woman wants from a skincare serum. It has been proven to visibly lift and firm sagging facial contours, smoothen and refine the complexion. The result: Skin that's more supple and youthful-looking, day after day. Now, who says you can't turn back the clock? Time travel, for your skin at least, is possible!

#4 Velvety, lightweight texture

Trust us, you'll just have to try this Serum once to love it. It glides on smoothly and although it absorbs quickly and is non-sticky, it feels just rich enough to nourish and pamper the skin, and deliver all the skincare benefits it promises. The Serum leaves a weightless, velvety, smooth finish that's perfect for our hot humid climate or even under your makeup; What's more, it's silicone-free, too.

#5 Gives you instant radiance

Once a week, pamper your skin with the Black Tea Instant Perfecting Mask, which gives your complexion suppleness, nourishment and a natural glow from within. After removing the mask, follow up with this star product, the Black Tea Age-Delay Firming Serum, to smooth away fine lines and wrinkles and you'll be flaunting a dewy and radiant complexion.



#trending

Phoebe Philo is staying put at **Céline**, after all. Fashion news website The Fashion Law reported Philo will be exiting the French label after its Fall/Winter 2016 collection has been marketed, but *WWD* has confirmed that Philo and Céline “are more motivated and committed than ever to their partnership and will continue to create beautiful products”, in an internal statement by CEO Marco Gobetti.



NEW CLASSIC

Great designs never grow old and among them is Dioressence, a reinterpretation of the iconic **Dior** pump first introduced in the brand’s Spring 1959 collection. The pump, with its slightly convex heel and low-cut front, was the first of its kind at the time. Fast-forward 57 years, and the Dioressence is now refreshed with new colourways, from classic black to sultry red, all while retaining its classic and timeless appeal.

SEEING STARS

Look out: **Givenchy** has a new monogram. Creative director Riccardo Tisci has combined a star and the letters that spell Givenchy into a graphic pattern, which made its debut at the house’s Spring/Summer 2016 menswear runway. It will be embossed, woven and printed onto apparel and accessories for both men and women for its Pre-Fall 2016 collections.



FASHION NEWS

PRETTY WOMAN

Pretty Ballerinas’ co-founder and creative director David Bell talks shoes and dressing Kate Moss’ bridesmaids.



Famous for its dainty ballerina flats in vibrant colours and girly stores done up in sugary pinks, Spanish footwear label Pretty Ballerinas actually started out almost a century ago — in 1918 — as a manufacturer of proper ballet shoes. Owned by the Mascaró family on the Spanish island of Menorca, the brand was relaunched in 2005 by third-generation family member Ursula Mascaró and her (now ex-) husband, David Bell. Since then, Pretty Ballerinas has become a cult favourite for pretty footwear, even finding fans in celebrities like Kate Moss and Kylie Minogue. Bell weighs in on the brand’s success and appeal.

How would you describe Pretty Ballerinas?

DB Fun, quality and tradition.

If someone could only own one pair of Pretty Ballerinas shoes, what should it be?

DB It would be the Marilyn. It’s been in continuous production for 51 years now, but it still works because it is such a classic.

What is Pretty Ballerinas’ most memorable moment?

DB We actually did the bridesmaids’ shoes for Kate Moss’ wedding with The Kills guitarist Jamie Hince in 2011. I still have the pair Moss’ daughter, Lila-Grace Moss Hack, wore in my office!

Besides ballet flats, the brand now also has other types of shoes like Oxfords and lace-ups.

What’s next?

DB We’re doing sneakers, skate shoes and espadrilles. Where we’re from, farmers used to wear a type of shoe during summer called the Avarcas, which was made by stapling leather on car tyres. We’ve created a dressier version of that using tweed and glitter for the Spring/Summer season.

What sets Pretty Ballerinas apart from other similar footwear brands?

DB We’ve continuously done the same thing, in the same place, with the same people, and that’s real heritage. **ELLE**



Pretty Ballerinas’ ballet flats also come in printed and embellished versions.

TEXT GWENDOLYN LEE



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19 MARCH 2016 (SATURDAY)

9.30AM TO 12.30PM

English Keynote | Room 324-326
Journey to Love of a Lifetime
Dr Huang Wei-Jen

English Session 1 | Room 308-309
When Marriage Begins
Boaz & Claire Nazar

2.30PM TO 5.30PM

English Session 2 | Room 308-309
When Real Love Begins
Boaz & Claire Nazar

中文讲座1 | Room 300-302
携手共创有情天
黄维仁博士

கருத்தரங்கு | Room 303-304
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மற்றும் பிரச்சனைகளைத் தீர்த்தல்**
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20 MARCH 2016 (SUNDAY)

9.30AM TO 12.30PM

English Session 3 | Room 303-304
**Chicken & Fish Agreements -
Making Agreements to Manage Differences**
Dr. Edmund Wong and Chang Mun Lan

English Session 4 | Room 308-309
Rekindle Love with Marriage Time
T. Padmanathan & Sarojini Padmanathan

English Session 5 | Room 310-311
From Stalemate to Soulmate
Dr Huang Wei-Jen

Sesi Melayu | Room 300-302
Cinta Ku Bukan Di Atas Kertas
Mohamed Khair B Mohamed Noor
& Suriati Abdullah

2.30PM TO 5.30PM

English Session 6 | Room 303-304
**Getting Mars and Venus Down to Earth - Understanding Men
and Women's Real Needs**
Simon Sim

English Session 7 | Room 310-311
Decoding Relationship DNA and Secrets of Love
Dr Huang Wei-Jen

中文讲座2 | Room 300-302
夫妻协议书:鸡鱼物语 - 婚姻关系“和而不同”的艺术
陈汉锡、黎凤玲夫妇

DATE: 19 & 20 March 2016 (Sat & Sun)

VENUE: Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, Level 3

TICKETS (per session): \$12/individual and \$16/couple
(GST inclusive) (Only coffee and tea will be served during break)

Tickets available from all SISTIC channels.

For more information, visit familiesforlife.sg.

BEAUTY Q&A

STEALING BEAUTY

How does model Candice Swanepoel look so good? We've got her *beauty secrets*. By Vanessa Chia



A regular on the Victoria's Secret runway, South African beauty Candice Swanepoel is Biotherm's new face. She shares her beauty must-dos with us.

What's your beauty routine like?

Candice Swanepoel I consider a beauty routine as important as eating well and working out. People don't realise that your skin is an organ just like your heart or your lungs. Taking care of it goes way beyond beauty and good looks: It is a necessary part of living a healthy life.

What's your off-duty makeup look?

CS Very natural — concealer, mascara and maybe a cream blush.

What's your usual hairstyle?

CS Natural when I'm not working. I wash, condition and apply either argan oil or rose oil on the ends and leave to dry naturally.

What's your definition of beauty?

CS Someone who is captivating in their most natural state, when their inner beauty is in sync with the outer beauty. There is that certain confidence and acceptance of herself or himself.

What most inspires you about Biotherm?

CS I really identify with Biotherm because of my love for the ocean and also for Biotherm's natural beauty approach. That's what I strive for in my beauty regimen. It's a perfect fit. **ELLE**

CANDICE'S BEAUTY MUST-HAVES

Get her glow with these skincare treats:



AQUASOURCE GEL, \$69.
To keep skin moisturised always.



LIFE PLANKTON ESSENCE, FROM \$78.
Not only hydrates the skin but also gives it a healthy glow.

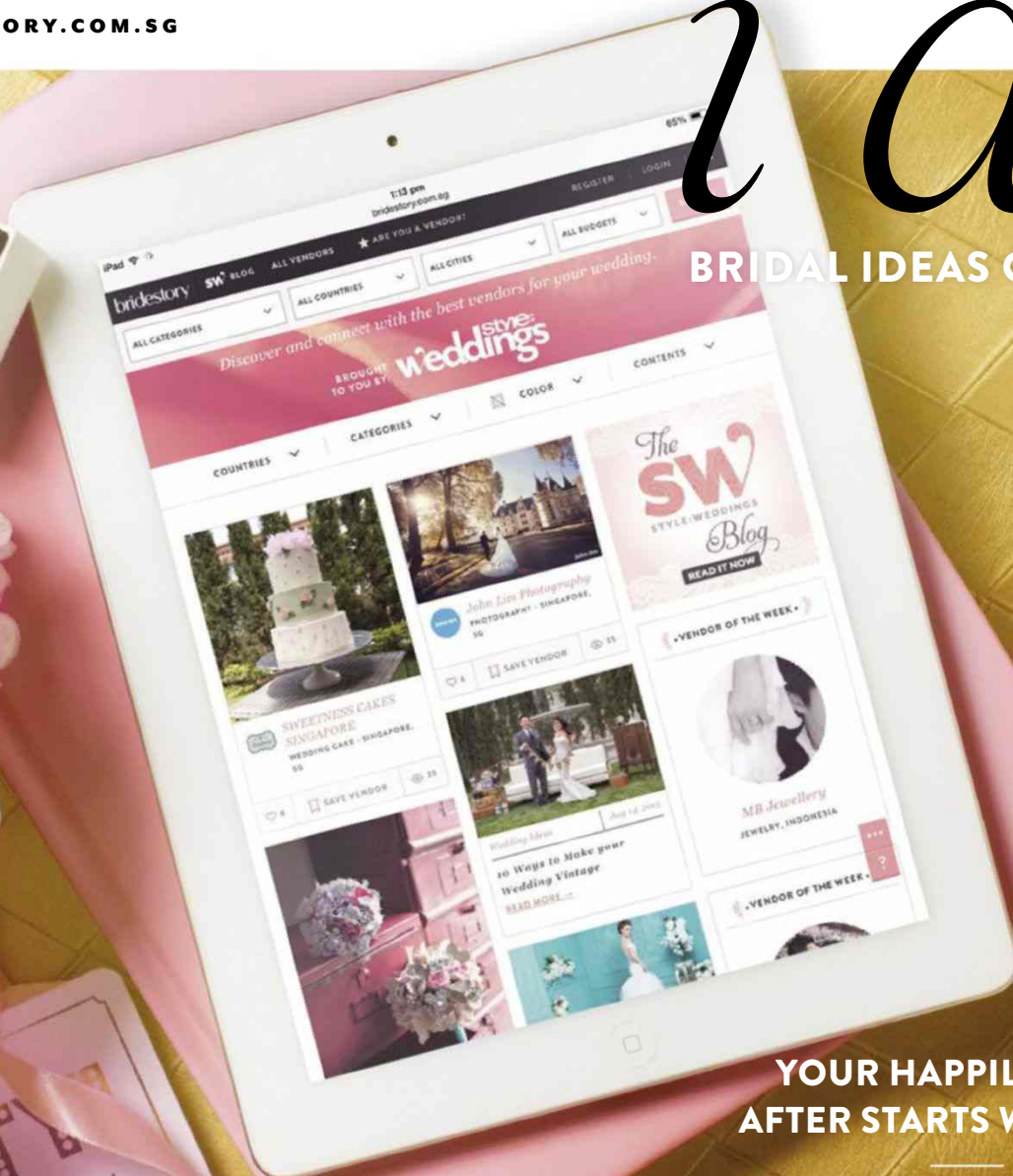


BIOSOURCE HYDRATING CLEANSER, \$42.
Removes makeup effectively yet is gentle on the skin.

PHOTOS: BIOTHERM

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BEAUTY FOCUS

back to matte

No '90s chalky complexions here. We're talking about a *lighter, more natural, shine-free finish.*

There are two camps in beauty — those who want dewy skin and those who want a matte finish. It's all about personal preference, of course, and knowing what works for your skin. But one thing's for sure: Whichever camp you're in, you definitely want a flawless finish.

We've seen a lot of dewy skin in the recent years. It's about an even tone and skin that looks softly lit from within. Glow is pretty, but there's a downside: It emphasises skin imperfections such as bumps; if you have oily or acne-prone skin, this makeup look will invariably leave you looking greasy.

So do we rejoice at the return of matte skin this season? Thankfully, the 2016 reboot of the biggest beauty trend in the '90s ditches the retro, cakey effect. The modern matte is all about skin that looks fresh and clean. It's lighter and more natural with a satin finish. And you won't have to worry about touch-ups or looking shiny.

the new matte

Of the slew of "new" matte bases available, we've got a new go-to: The Shiseido Skin Synchro Foundation. The formula, which feels like a lightweight

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RECOMMENDS



Shiseido Skin Synchro Foundation.

moisturiser, glides on seamlessly before settling into a powdery finish for a soft, matte effect. It refines imperfections while enhancing the complexion, and provides buildable coverage.

Best of all, it keeps your sebum levels in check without drying out the skin. It's also spiked with ingredients that promise to protect skin against environmental stressors and is infused with hydrators for a luminous effect instead of a chalky finish.

It's so weightless and feels like a second skin, you'll forget you've got anything on. Even at 6pm, skin still looks fresh and flawless. ELLE



GET
FLAWLESS
FAST

Shiseido Perfecting Stick Concealer, \$46.

Shiseido Glow Enhancing Primer, \$53.

Shiseido Pore Smoothing Corrector, \$60.

TEXT LIEU WEINING PHOTO IMAXTREE

BEAUTY SPOTLIGHT



best of both words

Pucker up with this lippie that offers both a glossy and semi-matte finish – *all at once*.

THE NEW LANEIGE TWO TONE LIP BAR IS EVERYTHING YOU WANT FROM A LIPSTICK AND MORE. IT ALSO MAKES ACHIEVING GRADIENT LIPS OH-SO-EASY. EACH BAR OFFERS TWO HUES WITH DIFFERENT FINISHES – GLOSSY AND SEMI-MATTE – FOR VIVID COLOUR PAYOFF AND A MORE LUSCIOUS POUT.

In four variants. \$34. At all Laneige boutiques and counters.

BEAUTY NEWS

double the love

ELLE's beauty team tries out the season's newest must-haves.



Melissa Sng

"The packaging is inspired by that of Chanel's Rouge Allure lipstick. Just press and release the sponge-tipped applicator, then dot the cream fragrance directly onto the skin. Such a sensual and discreet way of applying perfume."



CHANEL
Coco
Mademoiselle
Touche de Parfum
(limited edition),
\$132.

Wei Ning Sng



"Applying fragrance on-the-go has never been this fun. It looks like a lip gloss, but is a refreshing fragrance that's easy to apply with the sponge-tipped applicator."

"With blue light to soothe, yellow to brighten, and red for anti-ageing, this takes care of all skin concerns. The low-frequency current helps boost skincare absorption and lift facial contours, too."

SKIN INC
Optimizer
Voyage
Tri-Light.



"This hand-held facial device, with three LED light modes, is the perfect DIY home facial device and handy travel companion."

"This gives the perfect matte yet luminous finish that makes skin look naturally flawless."



YVES SAINT
LAURENT
BEAUTÉ
Le Cushion Encre
de Peau, \$88.

"This has got to be one of the most luxurious cushions available! It offers a semi-matte yet radiant finish in a fuss-free compact."

TEXT LIU WEI NING ART DIRECTION NG SHIQI PHOTOGRAPHY MARK LEE

SWEET WONDER

Turn shower time into an indulgent experience with these shea butter and honey treats.

L'Occitane Shea Melting Honey Soft Shower Gel, \$33.

L'Occitane Shea Melting Honey Exfoliating Sugars, \$46.

L'Occitane Shea Melting Honey Ultra Soft Cream, \$41.



MASK IT YOUR WAY

Target eye concerns such as dark circles, wrinkles, eye bags and pigmentation with the MTM Custom-Blended Eye Mask. After a consultation, an Eye Expert Essence containing natural herbal extracts is specially blended to meet your specific needs. It comes with 12 pairs of collagen Eye Pads as a complementary treatment. \$286.

WHERE TO SHOP

The new Laneige flagship offers Singapore-exclusive products in an interactive space.

learn about k-beauty

Get customised tips and solutions from its beauty advisors, or check out Beauty Mirror – a real-time app that allows you to try on makeup virtually before you buy.



only in singapore

These South Korean beauty products aren't available anywhere else in the world.

ELLE RECOMMENDS



KEVIN MURPHY Repair-Me Rinse & Repair-Me Wash, \$40 each.

strand saver

The haircare brand from Australia you have to check out.

Celebrity hairstylist Kevin Murphy's eponymous haircare brand is now available in Singapore. The products, packed with vitamins and amino acids, together with fruit and floral extracts, boast weightless textures and deliver multiple benefits – strengthening, nourishing and protecting hair. We also love the cool packaging.

“This duo leaves my mane moisturised and frizz-free, without weighing it down. I love the faintly sweet scent that brings to mind a beach vacay.”

— Lie Wei Ning, senior beauty writer

LANEIGE Sleeping Ball, from \$2.

Six sleeping masks in single-use pods to beautify you from head to toe as you catch some zzz's.



LANEIGE Water Science Mist, \$28.

These facial mists don't just hydrate, they offer brightening and anti-ageing benefits, too. In seven variants.

LANEIGE Lip Card, \$10 for a pack of 4.

Easy to carry around, these lip cards are a fun and convenient way to add colour to your lips. Just fold and blot. In 20 shades.



PROMOTION

FOSSIL PRESENTS

GIFT CURIOUSLY WITH FOSSIL AND ELLE

Stylist Keith Png
with models
wearing American
Eagle Outfitters.



Close to 80 ELLE readers turned up for the Gift Curiously with Fossil and ELLE event on 17 December, last year, at Suntec City's West Wing Atrium. They discovered Fossil's Holiday 2015 collection, which featured great gift ideas in vibrant colours and exciting designs.

Celebrity stylist Keith Png put together various looks with the bags and other leather accessories from the collection, demonstrating the versatility of this quirky range to the guests.

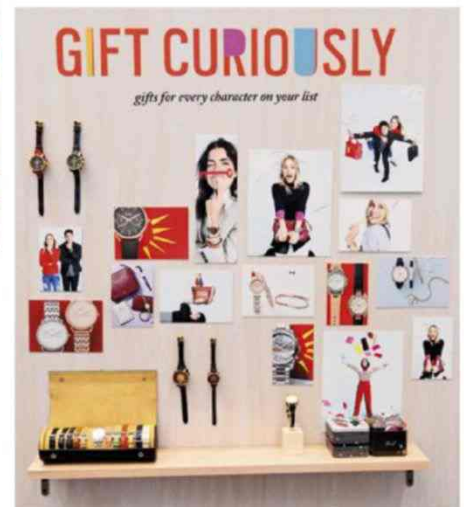
As part of Fossil's Gift Curiously week-long roadshow, two flat-lay booths were

set up, where shoppers were invited to exercise their styling creativity with holiday décor items and a selection of Fossil goods from the Holiday collection. They then uploaded their best image onto Instagram with the hashtag #fossilflatlay, in a bid to win one of three prizes — each consisting of \$500 worth of Fossil vouchers.

ELLE readers were the first to try their hands at these flat-lay booths during the ELLE-exclusive event and each of them also walked home with a Fossil goodie bag.



ELLE readers having fun at Fossil flat-lay booth.



Getting into the Christmas spirit.

Fossil's
Holiday
2015
collection.



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IN & OUT

These designers took their final bow
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alber elbaz
LANVIN

Elbaz was ousted from the French fashion house after 14 years there, reportedly due to falling sales and conflicts with brand owner Shaw-Lan Wang. The split spiralled into a very public legal dispute between the brand and its work council – yikes.

CONFIRMED



raf simons
DIOR

After just three-and-a-half years, Simons decided not to renew his contract as Dior's artistic director to focus on his own label. However, reports say disagreements over a new employment contract and fatigue are also contributing factors.

CONFIRMED



alexander wang
BALENCIAGA

Despite being credited with increasing sales, Wang decided to end his tenure as creative director at the luxury label to concentrate on his own brand. His final collection for the house was a hit, with Wang taking a final bow complete with selfies and dancing.

CONFIRMED



jonathan saunders
JONATHAN SAUNDERS

The Scottish fashion designer cited personal reasons for the closure of his eponymous label 12 years after its debut. It will officially shut down after its Spring/Summer 2016 orders have been fulfilled.

RUMOURED



hedi slimane
SAINT LAURENT

Speculation was rife that Hedi Slimane would be leaving Saint Laurent for a second time. The brand has denied the rumours, and a Slimane departure may be unlikely, seeing how the designer has reportedly doubled sales while at the helm.

models-of-the-moment

The fabulous ones to watch now.



Anna Cleveland

Peyton Knight

Roos Abels

Lineisy Montero



Amalie and Cecillie Moosgaard



Daisy Clementine and Lucky Blue Smith



Ruth and May Bell

role models

#bornthisway:
Good looks run in these families.



Sama and Haya Khadra

I C H A R A C T E R N



Fashion's new girl doesn't want to play it safe. She's all about individuality with gaudy-cool prints and kooky layering.

B L I N G I O N G O T !



Forget minimalism – this season is all about attention-grabbing shine and futuristic touches.

I N S I D E O U T



Lingerie-inspired styles go beyond
the *boudoir* this season.



The image features three models showcasing vintage-inspired fashion. The model on the left wears a dark blue patterned suit with a red belt, with 'MAISON MARGIELA' printed vertically. The middle model wears a patterned vest over a pink shirt and patterned trousers with a brown belt, with 'DRIES VAN NOTEN' printed vertically. The model on the right wears a white and red V-neck top with a striped skirt and a green handbag, with 'GUCCI' printed vertically. The text 'OLD SCHOOL DELIGHT' is overlaid in large white letters across the bottom of the image.

OLD SCHOOL DELIGHT

Shimmery brocades and '70s-inspired knits define the new vintage chic.

STREET WIS E



The '90s are back with minimalist shapes and sporty separates. Who knew we'd be wearing oversized hoodies again this soon?

M A T C H P O I N T



Trousers are back. Go the extra mile in all manner of trouser suits, from bold printed combos to pyjama-style ensembles.



YOYO CAO

The globally-recognised, Singapore-based Macanese street-style star on fashion week, personal chic and the mission of a style influencer.



Cao showcases her whimsical and cheerful style on @yoyokulala.



MY PERSONAL STYLE IS... Minimalist, easy, and detail-oriented. **HANDS DOWN, MY FAVOURITE DESIGNER IS...** Phoebe Philo of Céline! Minimalist yet statement-making, the pieces are incredibly well-tailored and fit perfectly. Trust me when I say that wearing Céline gives you a boost of confidence. **WHAT I WEAR DAILY DEPENDS ON...** My mood. If I'm in a good mood, I'd be in a colourful ensemble. If I plan to have a rather relaxed day, I'd be in denim shorts and a shirt. **ONE WARDROBE STAPLE I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IS...** A white shirt. It's not easy to find the perfect one that's crease-free and lightweight enough for our humid weather. **MY FIVE TRAVEL MUST-HAVES ARE...** La Mer's Crème de La Mer, lip balm, facial mask, a portable charger for my phone and of course, my camera! **I PLAN MY OUTFITS FOR FASHION WEEK BASED ON...** Comfort as I'm always on the move! And of course, everything has to fit into two suitcases. **AN ESSENTIAL FOR A WARDROBE UPDATE THIS SEASON IS...** A white top with exaggerated details like a Vetements shirt with oversized cuffs and extra-long sleeves. **I OFTEN MIX HIGH STREET WITH HIGH FASHION PIECES BECAUSE...** I believe style cannot be bought but comes from one's ability to make the simplest piece of clothing look luxe. **THE POWER OF THE STREET STYLE PHENOMENON AND SOCIAL MEDIA IS...** Beneficial for the fashion business as feedback; the desirability of fashion goods can be determined by reactions from potential customers who follow style influencers on Instagram. Sometimes, a fashion brand may dress a style influencer in what might be the only sample piece and this heightens the demand. **A STYLE INFLUENCER HAS TO...** Inspire their followers, have a good knowledge of fashion, a positive attitude — and a unique and creative way to put your message across. ELLE



NEW ORDER

These street-style stars

are intriguing, inspirational and über-stylish.

Fun Fact

Did we mention that she's also dating Scott Schuman, a.k.a. The Sartorialist?

jenny walton

@jennymwalton

With a crowd-pleasing and eclectic style, this Brooklyn-based cutie is also a talented illustrator, stylist, and designer.

THE NEW GARANCE DORE



THE DARK HORSE



Fun Fact

Sanchez de Betak has an uncanny ability for mixing boho-styles and modern silhouettes.

sofia sanchez de betak

@chufy

South American art director and founder of e-commerce site, UnderOurSky.com.



Sanchez de Betak gets a head massage after a fashion show from her husband, Alexandre de Betak.



Walton's impressions of Fashion Week – Gucci and Valentino.

social network

Instagram girls to follow – and why we love them.



Pari Ehsan

@paridust

When art meets fashion, quite literally, and tastefully, too.



Monling Lee

@montinglee

If you ever need a colour pick-me-up with bright fashion visuals, this is it.



Cecilia Musmeci

@leparadox

A perfect marriage of minimalist yet lust-worthy #OOTDs.



AMERICAN DREAM

Creative director of Givenchy, Riccardo Tisci,
celebrates his 10th year at the French house
– with a New York Fashion Week debut.

photography LEA COLOMBO







Last September, the opening of Manhattan's first-ever Givenchy store in the Upper East Side saw creative director Riccardo Tisci and his G-Gang in the Big Apple for the label's Spring/Summer 2016 womenswear presentation. Showing a day after the 14th anniversary of 9/11, Tisci's show was aptly staged at Hudson River Park's Pier 26, which overlooks Ground Zero. Guests were immersed in a meditative pre-show ambience including monastery-style chanting and art performances, directed by Tisci's close pal and performance artist, Marina Abramovic.

The collection, a spectacular showcase of black and white *boudoir*-inspired pieces, embodied Tisci's vision of the delicate and

yet empowered Givenchy woman. There were no clothes made from T-shirts this time, only filmy lingerie slips, racy robe-dresses, pyjama/tuxedo-style trousers with their side satin strips mimicking the loose waist tie of a *kimono* robe. The latter was also given the black-tie treatment in tuxedo-style shawl collars, lending Tisci's billowing robes an element of clean tailoring, as did two elegantly embroidered lace tuxedo shirts, topped with pin-tucked front yoke details.

The Italian designer did not skimp on theatrics. A capsule collection of *couture*-worthy looks awash in the warmest of cream colours came with meticulous handiwork requiring the kind of extravagant craftsmanship typical of *haute couture*.

party in the usa

The shindig in a downtown NYC garage to remember.



the g-gang formula



Keepsake invitation

+



*Larger-than-life
show space*

+



Co-conspirators

+



Best runway looks

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Couture class

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*Club kid party
experience*

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*Givenchy in
New York City*

SINGAPORE

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NEXT
MONTH

the **ELLE** *a-list*

Which Spring/Summer
2016 bags and shoes
should you buy?

Viscose-jersey
dress, Small
Trotteur
grained-callskin
bag, \$2,400, and
Twisted Cabas
callskin bag,
\$2,800, all by
CÉLINE.

TEXT & STYLING GRACIA PHANG • PHOTOGRAPHY AIK CHEN • HAIR JUNZ LOKE / PASSION HAIR SALON
MAKEUP ELAIN LIM USING SHU UEMURA • MODEL LERAYVE

ELLE'S TAKE THIS MONTH ON THE HOTTEST TRENDS FROM THE FASHION CAPITALS

ELLE FASHION



SEEING DOUBLE

Fashion's love
for clashing prints
and statement
accessories is
giving the term
"opposites attract"
a new meaning.

*Cropped jacket and flower-print
silk pyjamas, both by **DOLCE
& GABBANA**. Camellia
brooch, by **CHANEL**.*

TEXT SHARON TULASIDAS PHOTOGRAPHY MARK PILLAI STYLING ALBERTO ZANOLETTI/ELLE
ITALIA HAIR PAOLO FERREIRA/CALLISTE MAKEUP TIINA ROVAINEN/AIRPORTAGENCY MANICURIST
LORANDY/BACKSTAGEAGENCY MODEL ANNA LUND/IMG PROJECT MANAGER CHARLOTTE DEFFE

Printed silk shirt, jacquard-knit-blend sweater and printed wide-leg trousers, all by **DRIES VAN NOTEN**. Printed silk scarf, by **FENDI**. Platform sandals, by **GUCCI**. Fishnet stockings (worn throughout), by **CALZEDONIA**.

(Opposite) Cotton sweater and printed silk trousers, both by **MAX MARA**. Printed silk shirt, by **SPORTMAX CODE**.



*that
'70s show
again*

There are no rules when it comes to '70s-revival sweater dressing.

Clash your prints, step out in kooky platform heels and channel your inner Mary Tyler Moore.

photography MARK PILLAI

styling ALBERTO ZANOLETTI/ELLE ITALY







Printed shirt, flower-print
flared skirt, patchwork
python-skin handbag and
calfskin platform shoes,
all by **GUCCI**.

(Opposite) Printed mesh
cotton T-shirt, flared
skirt and Camellia
brooch, all by **CHANEL**.
Printed organza shirt,
by **RED VALENTINO**.
Python-skin handbag,
by **CÉLINE**.





Leather jacket, knit-blend sweater and wool-blend midi-skirt, all by **MIU MIU**. Printed silk shirt, by **SCHIAPARELLI**. Calfskin platform sandals, by **GUCCI**.

(Opposite) Cotton sweater and leopard-print calf hair skirt, both by **BOTTEGA VENETA**. Floral-print shirt, by **SAINT LAURENT**. Acetate cat-eye sunglasses, by **GUCCI**.





Printed silk shirt, by
MISSONI. Tweed and
lace midi-skirt, by **MARC
JACOBS**. Fur scarf, by
MIU MIU. Calfskin platform
sandals, by **GUCCI**.

(Opposite) Suede and
patchwork leather jacket,
by **COACH**. Knit-blend
sweater and netted collar,
both by **PRADA**. Printed
crepe top, by **MARNI**. Lace
midi-skirt, by **ROCHAS**.
Calfskin stripe-print bag,
by **DOLCE & GABBANA**.
Calfskin platform sandals,
by **GUCCI**.

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g i m m e

m o r e

Building your *accessory stash* goes beyond the staples. There's a bag for every occasion, just as there's a pair of shoes for every day in the week. Let's not even get started on all the other extras you can pile on – because one pair of bauble earrings or a standout necklace is never, ever enough!

photography OLIVIERO TOSCANI

styling BENEDETTA DELL'ORTO



(From left) Naika striped silk dress, leather belt, silk and leather bag, leather rattan *minaudière* with calfskin strap and “Double Tour” Apple watch, all by **HERMÈS**. Patent calfskin pumps with cone-shaped Plexiglas heels, by **JIMMY CHOO**. Calfskin maxi shopper tote with calfskin sticker (on floor), by **ANYA HINDMARCH**. White shirt with puff sleeves, knitted vest with calfskin lacing and grommets, silk bubble-hem skirt, calfskin tote bag with matching sling and silk *foulard* (worn on wrist), all by **FENDI**. Striped flap calfskin handbag, by **MARELLA**. Patent calfskin pumps with fabric ankle ties and “unicorn” charm, by **MIU MIU**. Jacquard-knit sweater and matching drawstring pants, calfskin sandals and calfskin round sling bag, all by **CHANEL**. Satin-trimmed jacket and matching pencil skirt, printed cotton shirt, calfskin bag and suede and metallic python-skin sandals, all by **PRADA**. Leather bag with patchwork band, by **KENZO**. Oversized checked tote (on floor), by **STELLA MCCARTNEY**. Colour pencils (on floor), by **CARAN D’ACHE**.



(From left) Trenchcoat, shoulder bag, briefcase and calfskin embellished lace-ups, all by **GUCCI**. Printed silk shirt and tulle and silk skirt, both by **DRIES VAN NOTEN**. Crystal-embellished Plexiglas clutch, by **JIMMY CHOO**. Pumps with lace, by **ROCHAS**.



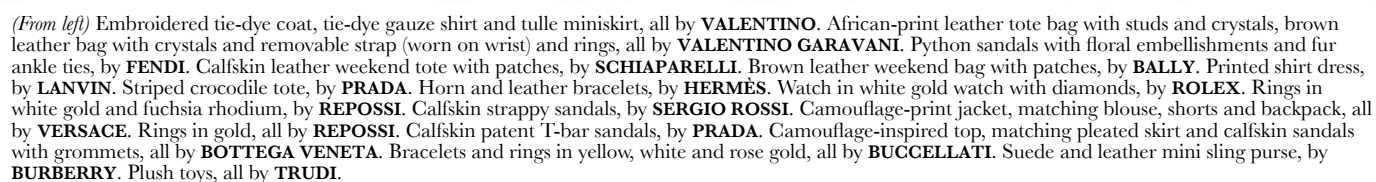
(From left) Floral-print jacket, matching cropped trousers, waistcoat, clutch purse, wicker basket bag (on bench) and velvet slippers with metal toe-caps, all by **DOLCE & GABBANA**. Embellished calfskin bag with flower *appliqué* (on floor), by **GUCCI**. Silk jacket with fur trim, matching trousers, silk blouse with ruffles, velvet corsage, bronze rings and sandals with embellished heels, all by **GUCCI**. Watch in rose gold with diamonds, by **JAEGER LE COULTRE**. Floral handbags, all by **ETRO**.



(From left) PVC short-sleeve coat with piping, by **LONGCHAMP**. White ribbed tank top, by **RALPH LAUREN DENIM & SUPPLY**. Gold and silver bangles and bow ring in white gold with diamonds, all by **TIFFANY & CO.** Royal Oak watch, by **AUDEMARS PIGUET**. PVC clutch with python-skin handle, by **CHRISTOPHER KANE**. Metallic python-skin and PVC lace-up platforms, both by **CHANEL**. PVC short-sleeve coat with piping, by **LONGCHAMP**. Silk cotton T-shirt with bow, by **MAX & CO.** Plexiglas handbag, by **SALVATORE FERRAGAMO**. Rings and bracelets in white gold, and watch with diamonds, all by **BVLGARI**. Metallic python-skin and PVC lace-up platforms, both by **CHANEL**.



(From left) Men's PVC coat, by **MONCLER**. Top, by **RALPH LAUREN DENIM & SUPPLY**. Chain bracelets, bangles and rings in silver, all by **POMELLATO**. Lucite ball clutch, by **MARZOOK BY VALERY DEMURE**. Patent calfskin and PVC pumps, by **GIANVITO ROSSI**. Off-shoulder sweater with mesh panel and PVC trousers, both by **LOEWE**. Sunglasses with pearls, by **CHANEL**. Transparent box clutch, by **CHARLOTTE OLYMPIA**. Watch in steel with diamonds, by **PATEK PHILIPPE**. PVC clutch and Plexiglas sandals, by **LOEWE**. Crystal vases, all by **BACCARAT**.



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GREENAPPLE
 models **MAGDA/ELITE, ELISA/**
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(From left) Linen dress and calfskin Classic bag, both by **CÉLINE**. Bracelets and rings in white, rose and yellow gold, all by **VAN CLEEF & ARPELS**. White leather mules, by **HERMÈS**. Embroidered eyelet dress and belt, both by **PHILOSOPHY DI LORENZO SERAFINI**. Watch in rose gold, bracelets, Juste un Clou and Love rings with diamonds, all by **CARTIER**. Fringed calfskin bag and flower-embroidered slippers, both by **BALENCIAGA**. Sheer dress, cropped knit top and patent calfskin bag with embroidered flowers, all by **DIOR**. Rings in gold with quartz and amethyst, and bracelets in gold, all by **DIOR JOAILLERIE**. Watch in steel and rose-gold with diamonds, by **DIOR HORLOGERIE**. Mesh ankle boots with floral embellishments, by **EMPORIO ARMANI**. Chiffon and silk dress, by **STELLA MCCARTNEY**. Leather bag with enamel Serpenti buckle, by **BVLGARI**. Watch in gold and bracelets in yellow and white gold with diamonds, all by **PIAGET**. Mesh and calfskin Mary Janes, by **EMPORIO ARMANI**.



(From left) One-shoulder jacket embroidered with guitar *appliqué*, by **ACNE**. Calfskin patchwork bags with *strass* embellishments and guitar patches, both by **TOD'S**. Bracelets and rings in yellow, rose, and white gold with diamonds and onyx, and watch steel and rose gold with diamonds, all by **CHOPARD**. Fringed leather peep-toe ankle boots, by **ROGER VIVIER**. Calfskin Monogram jacket, cotton bubble-hem skirt, calfskin gloves, chain-trimmed calfskin platforms with ankle ties and Petite Malle *minaudière* with top handle, all by **LOUIS VUITTON**. Indigo denim bag (on floor), by **RALPH LAUREN**.



(From left) Hooded jacket, by **KENZO**. Silk foulard (worn around the neck), by **EMILIO PUCCI**. Suede fringe trousers, by **POLO RALPH LAUREN**. Calfskin bum bag with tool charms (worn on shoulder), by **MOSCHINO**. Première watch in ceramic and white gold, by **CHANEL**. Strass tiara (in model's hand), by **SAINT LAURENT**. Calfskin ankle boots with metal toe-caps, by **LOUIS VUITTON**. Jacquard-knit cardigan, lace-trimmed tulle robe, gingham-print shirt, and satin ballet flats with calfskin straps and ankle ties, all by **MIU MIU**. Rings and bracelets in white, yellow, and rose gold and bracelet in gold with black and white diamonds, all by **SPALLANZANI**. "Grandma eye" bracelet in gold with diamonds and emeralds, "lip piercing" ring in gold with diamonds and rubies, all by **DELFINA DELETTREZ**. Crocodile bag, by **SALVATORE FERRAGAMO**. Guitars, by **FENDER**. Headphones, stylist's own.



she's so fly

"Everybody's travelling today," said Karl Lagerfeld of his globe-trotting inspiration for Chanel's Spring/Summer 2016 collection. Luxury cabin cases and sleek, modern tweed suits encapsulate Chanel's *jetset irreverence* in the ad campaign, "City Western" – shot in south Brooklyn, New York City and starring "It" models Lineisy Montero and Mica Arganaraz.

text SHARON TULASIDAS

photography OLIVIER SAILLANT



BACKSTAGE BABE #1

NAME Mica Arganaraz

AGE 22

NATIONALITY


Argentinian

FACT The name "Argentina" comes from the Latin word for silver, argentum. Silver was also Lagerfeld's colour of choice for the collection.









**I used a lot of silver
shine because that is the
idea of airplanes. They
are metallic, they are in
the sky. When the sun
is on the airplanes, they
are very shiny.**

— Karl Lagerfeld







BACKSTAGE BABE #2

NAME Lineisy Montero

AGE 19

NATIONALITY
Dominican

FACT The Dominican Republic is the second largest country in the Caribbean islands after Cuba – and Cuba is Chanel and Lagerfeld's next exotic port of call for its Cruise 2016 collection.



From top: Chelsea Tyler, Tea Falco and Mae Lapres.

band of sisters

Tod's rounds up 15 stylish women to *form a band*. By Sharon Tulasidas

The power of influence can sell anything, which comes as no surprise if fans of model and art director Julia Restoin Roitfeld (the daughter of style icon and editrix Carine Roitfeld) rush out to snag the Tod's Wave bag in grainy calf leather — the dark-haired beauty totes this bag in the Italian brand's new Wave Attitude campaign.

Restoin Roitfeld is one of 14 women tapped by Tod's to promote its contemporary *nous*. The other women are: Illustrator/model Langley Fox Hemingway; film-maker/illustrator Quentin Jones; artist/musician Chelsea Tyler; artist/actress Tea Falco; model Mae Lapres; model/actress Lizzy Jagger; artist Polly Morgan; model Louis Gummer; artists/film-makers Giulia and Camilla Venturini; designer Antonine Peduzzi; model/student Cora Corre; model Chloe



IMAGES TOD'S



The Spring/Summer collection also features a sensible range of loafers perfect for pairing with jeans or dress trousers.



HOUSE STYLE

Wave hello to these must-haves.



Norgaard; and last but not least, photographer Sonia Sieff who also shot the campaign.

Each woman was picked for her artistic lifestyle and approachable personality. Illustrator Langley Fox Hemingway — sister of Dree Hemingway and daughter of actress Mariel Hemingway — has a vintage baby-meets-tomboy style, which resonates with the music festival-going hipster. In contrast, Antonine Peduzzi has told *The Fashion Interview* that her grunge and girly style was a cross between Kurt Cobain and Audrey Hepburn.

PROJECT ATTITUDE

Designed by Tod's creative director Alessandra Facchinetti, the Wave bag was launched in Fall/Winter 2015. With a single long top handle that you can sling over your shoulder comfortably, this flap bag features a spacious interior and a detachable, cross-body sling. The Wave bag's detailing pays subtle tribute to the rubber pebbles found on the soles of Tod's famed Gommino loafers.

Available in at least three sizes (mini, small and medium), the Wave bag has "sensible" and "wardrobe staple" written all over it — though it's not just women seeking functional, minimalist styles who are buying this new classic.

Artisanal touches and luxe fabrications such as intarsia mink, patchwork exotic skins and laser cuts appeal to the cool girl in search of a normcore luxe bag. Or, as half-Canadian, half-Chinese model, Mae Lapres, says in the Wave Attitude video featuring the Tod's Band girls: "My style is everything. I like layers. I mix a lot of patterns as well. Very chaotic..." We call it the Tod's New Wave. ELLE



Metallic patchwork lizard-skin Wave bag, \$4,370.



Calfskin Wave bag



Calfskin Wave bag with stud-embellished strap, \$2,180.



Calfskin Origami Fringe Wave bag with stud-embellished strap, \$2,780.

Above: Rock 'n' roll accents lend street cred to Tod's classic loafers.



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familiar trends a
fresh twist.

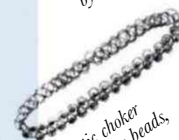
*Silk-blend dress and
silk varsity jacket,
\$1,375, both by
COACH. Metropolis
leather mini cross-
body bag, \$695, by
FURLA. Metal and
stones ring set, \$7, by
FOREVER 21.*

TEXT & STYLING GRACIA PHANG PHOTOGRAPHY EALBERT HO
HAIR & MAKEUP GREGO/INDIGO ARTISANS USING TIGI BED HEAD
@ GLAMOUR SALON SYSTEM MODEL SASKIA S/MANNEQUIN

CHOKERS



*Faux leather choker
with stone, \$13.23,
by ASOS.COM.*



*Elastic choker
with glass beads,
\$5.90, by
H&M.*



*Faux leather
shell choker
set, \$19.90,
by TOPSHOP.*

FASHION MASTERCLASS

better than ever

Rethink the season's
easiest fashion-forward trends
– and wear them your way.

photography EALBERT HO

styling GRACIA PHANG

*Polyester-blend dress (as vest), by **SPORTMAX**. Beaded polyester cropped top, \$89.90, by **TOPSHOP**. Polyester-blend cropped top, \$24, by **FOREVER 21**. Bermuda shorts, by **IBLUES**. Metal cuff, \$33.90, by **CHARLES & KEITH**. Metal ring set, by **FOREVER 21**. Faux leather bag, \$69.90, by **CHARLES & KEITH**. Embellished sling-back mules, by **MARELLA**.*

*Cotton pullover,
\$29, and metal
ring set, \$9, both by
FOREVER 21.*



*Metallic dress, by TOPSHOP.
Cotton shirt, \$59.90, by H&M.
Metal ring, \$80, by BIMBA Y
LOLA. Metal bangle and ring set,
\$7, by FOREVER 21. Suede and
leather sandals, \$79, by PEDRO.*

*Outshine everyone else
in **DAY-TO-NIGHT** metallics:
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ALL-TIME CLASSICS.*

*Silk-blend top, and Kendall + Kylie leather skirt,
\$219, by TOPSHOP. Leather slip-on shoes, \$645,
by COACH. Metal bangle, \$9, by FOREVER 21.
Leather bag, \$180, by BIMBA Y LOLA.*



*Release your **INNER REBEL**
with a touch of athleisure.
Combine sporty luxe
accents with '90S
STREET-STYLE swag.*



*Faux suede top, \$29, by **FOREVER 21**.
Faux leather wrap skirt, \$106, and faux
leather backpack, both by **TOPSHOP**.
Faux leather and semi-precious stone cuff
set, \$49.90, and twist detail metal ring,
\$16.90, both by **CHARLES & KEITH**.
Rhinestone-embellished denim slides, \$240,
by **PEDDER RED**.*



*Polyester bomber jacket, \$126, by
TOPSHOP. Cotton-blend cropped top,
\$230, by **BIMBA Y LOLA**. Cotton-blend
knit skirt, \$59.90, and polyester-blend
trainers, both by **H&M**. Multi-beaded
brass ring, \$16.90, and metal stack ring,
\$22.90, both by **CHARLES & KEITH**.
Acrylic open ring, \$7, by **FOREVER 21**.*



*Cotton-blend hooded
jacket, \$29, acrylic
open ring, \$7, and
metal ring set, \$7, all
by **FOREVER 21**.*



*Cotton shirt, by **MICHAEL MICHAEL KORS**. Cotton skirt, \$950, by **COACH**. Felt hat, \$76.90, and polyester headband (used as neck-scarf), both by **TOPSHOP**. Faux leather belt, by **H&M**. Metal cuff, by **MAJE**.*



*Reyes polyester dress, by **SANDRO**. Denim pinafore dress, \$79.90, and acetate sunglasses, \$39.90, both by **H&M**.*



*Tie-dye effects and ditsy florals team up with tailored separates to channel **CITY-BOHO** chic.*

*Polyester blazer, \$116, by **TOPSHOP**. Cotton top, \$39.90, by **H&M**. Polyester-blend pants, \$530, and polyester-blend pumps, \$715, both by **CH CAROLINA HERRERA**. Mosaic clutch, \$345, and metal ring, \$90, both by **BIMBA Y LOLA**.*

BEAUTY MASTERCLASS

nail this look



PREP

Achieve a luminous complexion with the Estée Lauder Double Wear Makeup To Go Liquid Compact, \$68. It keeps skin hydrated and looking fresh for up to eight hours. Then, mask dark circles and imperfections with Estée Lauder Double Wear Waterproof All Day Extreme Wear Concealer, \$34.



FINISH

Define cheekbones by brushing on Estée Lauder Pure Color Envy Sculping Blush in Sensuous Rose, \$64. Finally, swipe on Estée Lauder Pure Color Envy Sculping Gloss in Apricot Allure, \$44, to give your pout lasting hydration, colour and shine.

BUILD

For a smoky-eye look, apply the Estée Lauder SuperNoir Shadow & Liner, \$30, all over the eyelid and blend. Layer some dark shimmer eyeshadow over for a touch of glamour. To complete the look, line the eyes with Estée Lauder Double Wear Infinite Waterproof Eyeliner, \$36, and coat lashes with Estée Lauder Double Wear Extreme Zero-Smudge All Effects Mascara, \$40.



Available at Estée Lauder boutiques and counters.

TEXT LIEU WEI NING PHOTOGRAPHY MARK LEE

ELLE LOVES

quirky cool



INVESTMENT
PIECE

Biker faux
leather bag,
\$2,490, by
MOSCHINO.

Denim
jumpsuit,
\$225, by
COS.



Metal
double pin,
\$105, by
AGNÈS B.



Wool hat,
\$55.90,
by **ZARA**.



Logo acrylic tunic, \$179,
by **UNIF** from *Topshop.com*.



City bracelet
watch, \$700, by
SWAROVSKI.



Acetate sunglasses,
\$39.90, by **H&M**.



Jam Butterfly
leather slip-on,
\$290, by **ASH**.



NADIIA SHAPOVAL
UKRAINIAN MODEL
AND STYLIST



Rainbow badge
set, \$16.90, by
TOPSHOP.



Viscose dress,
\$325, by
**BIMBA Y
LOLA**.



Nylon and fox
fur backpack
charm, \$1,410,
by **FENDI**.



Walala Apollo cotton-blend skirt, \$229, by SHOPGORMAN.COM.AU.



Acetate sunglasses, by SPORTMAX.



Glass rings and cord necklace, \$56.90, by TOPSHOP.

SHOPPING

in the clear

See-through accents are as fresh as they are playful.



Resin cube stud earrings, \$13.90, by TOPSHOP.



Polyester top with sequins, \$100, by ASOS.COM.



Polyamide-blend bodysuit, \$49.90, by H&M.



Studded plastic bracelet, \$60, by BIMBA Y LOLA.



Cotton-blend socks, by MAX & CO.



Belan-Kilt clear loafer, \$156.90, by JEFFREY CAMPBELL from Nastygal.com.

TEXT & STYLING GRACIA PHANG



Faux leather splatter-paint slingback sandal, \$69.90, by PEDRO.



Faux fur and faux leather sandal, \$99.90, by ZARA.

SHOPPING

chunky sandals

Here's a win-win situation:
Look *sporty and stylish* without
having to put on sneakers.



Polyester platform sandal, \$99.90, by MANGO.



Fable faux leather sandal, \$48.50, by ASOS.COM.



Mondrian jute-trimmed canvas platform sandal, US\$249 (\$357), by FAMINGOS from Net-a-portex.com.



Polyester wedge sandal, \$305, by BIMBA Y LOLA.



Leather sandal, by MAX & CO.



Polyester sandal, \$290, by ASH.



Polyester-blend platform sandal, \$56.90, by CHARLES & KEITH.



SHOPPING

the denim squad

More reasons why jeans will *never go out of style*.

Topshop has relaunched its Denim campaign with a new face, Steffy Argelich. The dark-haired Spanish beauty joins the previous group of eight new-gen models — such as Malika Firth, Grace Hartzel and Bella Hadid — who fronted the label's Holiday campaign. “For the Spring/Summer 2016 Denim campaign, we have looked to this stylish and cool girl group once again, perfectly demonstrating how to inject individual style and mood into your jeans,” said the English high-street brand's creative director Kate Phelan.

Each girl was also chosen for her personal style and physique, further highlighting “the versatility of Topshop's extensive denim range, proving that there is a perfect fit for every Topshop girl”, adds Phelan. ELLE

GOOD JEANS

High, mid, or low cut – these cool girls show you how to do the new skinny jeans.



BELLA HADID
WEARING Orson high-rise
slim-leg jeans.



STEFFY ARGELICH
WEARING Jamie high-waisted
skinny ankle-grazer.



GRACE HARTZEL
WEARING Baxter low-rise
slim-leg jeans.

GO FIGURE



BODY TYPE: NARROW HIPS

The slouchy fit and distressed details are perfect for a boyish figure.

← Hayden

BODY TYPE: CURVY

The go-to weekend shorts. Opt for a high waist for an elongating and hourglass effect.



← Mom



BODY TYPE: TALL & SKINNY

Lends the illusion of endless legs and looks equally good paired with flats or sexy stilettos.

← Leigh

BODY TYPE: PETITE

Roomy yet not too overwhelming – the ideal combination for pint-sized girls.



← Lucas



BODY TYPE: ATHLETIC

Calling all sporty girls with muscular gams!

← straight

TEXT GRACIA PHANG



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THE BEAUTY EDIT

Nail the hottest trends of the season and discover the products beauty influencers swear by. Also, a new breakthrough brightening serum that regulates melanin production to prevent hyperpigmentation.

PHOTO ANNA SU/IMAXTREE

THE SPRING EDIT



NARS *Velvet Matte
Skin Tint SPF30/
PA++++, \$70.*



KATE TOKYO *Digital Memory
Liner, \$20.50.*



ZA *Vivid Dare
by Vibrant
Moist Lipstick in
RD401, \$18.90.*

A KIND OF BLUSH

This natural, pretty flush is super-flattering and so easy to create. All you need is a soft-pink lip and cheek tint. Remember to pat the colour on your eyelids for an even flush.

get the look

FACE Chanel Vitalumiere Loose Powder Foundation with Mini Kabuki Brush SPF15, \$100. **EYES, LIPS & CHEEKS** Burberry

Beauty Lip & Cheek Bloom in 01 Rose, \$45. NARS Audacious Mascara, \$40.

HAIR Balmain Paris Hair Couture Texturizing Salt Spray, US\$40, from Net-a-porter.com.

Cotton gingham shirt, by MIU MIU.

turn on the charm

Makeup trends take an *ultra-feminine turn* with serious lip colour, elegantly lined eyes, the rosiest flush and a sprinkling of glitter. By Melissa Chew

fashion direction SHARON TULASIDAS

photography AIK CHEN

DARK MATTER

Dark lips often stray towards the vampy. But to look like a sexy siren rather than a goth chick, try a deep oxblood red. With clean, matte skin and little more than a coat of mascara, this shade of lippie totally changes things up.

get the look

FACE Laura Mercier

Smooth Finish Flawless
Fluide, \$78. **EYES**

Diorshow Iconic Overcurl
Mascara, \$53. **LIPS** Laura
Mercier Velour Lovers Lip
Colour in An Affair, \$42.

Polyester-blend tank top,
by **MICHAEL KORS**
COLLECTION.





SHIMMER SHAKE

Amp up your eye makeup with shimmery eyeshadow and a sprinkling of glitter. We love this ultra-sophisticated combo in metallic shades of bronze.

get the look

FACE Chanel Les Beiges Healthy Glow Foundation, \$82. Les Beiges Healthy Glow Sheer Colour Stick, \$68. **EYES** Chanel Illusion D'Ombre in Mirage, \$52. **LIPS** Chanel Rouge Coco in Adrienne, \$48.

Cotton-blend coat, by **PRADA**. Polyester-blend tank top, by **MICHAEL KORS** COLLECTION.



CHIC FLICK

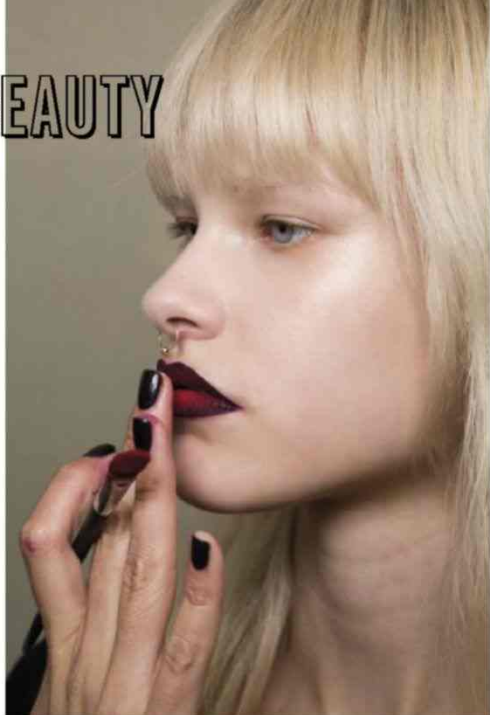
A clean flick of black eyeliner topped off with a couple of coats of mascara, this quintessential minimalist look is the LBD of makeup – simple, elegant and basic. For a little extra flutter, add scattered strands of falsies.

get the look

FACE Make Up For Ever Smoothing Primer, \$68. Ultra HD Foundation, \$72. **EYES** Make Up For Ever Aqua Eyes Waterproof Pencil in Matte Black, \$24. Aqua Smoky Extravagant Mascara, \$45. **LIPS** Make Up For Ever Artist Natural Lipstick in Pink Beige, \$38.

Polyester shirt, by
MICHAEL KORS
COLLECTION.

styling assistance **GRACIA PHANG**
hair **JUNZ LOKE/PASSION HAIR SALON**
makeup **ELAIN LIM** using **M.A.C.**
model **ANNA S & LERA K/AVE**



BEAUTY TREND REPORT



on the dark side

Makeup artist Elain Lim on how to pull off the bold oxblood lip.

“For such a dark lip, keep everything else clean. I would even skip eyeshadow and blush if the face has a strong bone structure — this lets the lips stand out.”

LIP PREP

For such an intense, rich lip colour, a lip brush is essential for precise application.

Smear on some moisturising lip balm before you apply your base makeup. After your foundation is done, blot off the excess balm, then use a lip brush to apply lip colour.



SULWHASOO *Essential Lip Serum Stick*, \$50.

HIGH MAINTENANCE

There are no two ways about it; this high-impact oxblood lip colour will take some work – and commitment. To keep it from looking messy, apply the first coat with a lip brush, blot with a tissue and reapply directly from the lipstick tube. Then blot lightly again. Remember to bring that lipstick and lip brush with you for touch-ups when you're out.



MAKE UP FOR EVER *Lip Brush with Cap*, \$45.

ELLE RECOMMENDS



TOO FACED *Melted Chocolate Lipstick in Chocolate Cherries*, \$33.

CHANEL *Rouge Allure in #109 Rouge Noir*, \$46.



M.A.C *Viva Glam Ariana Grande Deep Dark Plum*, \$31.



3CE *Lip Color in 905 Gone Bad*.



TARTE *Tarteist Lip Paint in Hangry*, \$28.

LAURA MERCIER *Velour Lovers Lip Color in An Affair*, \$42.



STILA *Stay All Day Liquid Lipstick in Chiant*, \$36.



NICE ON NAILS, TOO!



BUTTER LONDON *Nail Lacquer in La Moss*, \$24.

O.P.I. *Nail Lacquer in Midnight in Moscow*, \$16.



ANNA SUJ

shortcuts to get glowing

These promise to give you luminosity in a snap.



**MAKE UP
STORE** Moon
Shadow, \$32.



TOO FACED Candlelight
Glow Highlighting Powder
Duo in Rosy Glow, \$46.



DIOR Lip Glow Pomade, \$46.



LUNASOL
Modeling
Control
Powder, \$46.



NARS Hot Sand & Orgasm Blush
Duo, \$60.



NARS
Hot Sand
Illuminating
Multiple,
\$60.



YVES SAINT LAURENT BEAUTE
Face Palette Collector Gypsy Opale, \$95.

EXPERT'S TIP

“For a naturally glowy and rosy look, stay away from powder textures. Go for cream- or gel-based makeup products as they create a luminous, dewy effect.”

— Elain Lim



Kim Tae Hee



Song Hye Kyo



Song Ji Hyo

CELEB ALERT

When it comes to luminous complexions, no one aces the look like these Korean celebs.

EVERYTHING IS ROSY

We love these lip and cheek tints for that all-over flush.



**BURBERRY
BEAUTY**
Lip & Cheek
Bloom, \$54.



**DALISH
COSMETICS**
Lip &
Cheek Balm,
\$20.50, from
SEPHORA.
SG.



NYX
Whipped
Lip And
Cheek
Souffle,
\$13.



BENEFIT
Benetint,
\$54.

heavy metal

If you want eye-catching makeup, embrace everything metallic.

ALIMA Pure Pearluster Eyeshadow, \$22, from Sephora.sg



SLEEK MAKEUP Molten Metal Duo Eye Shadow, \$22, from Sephora.sg

M.A.C Glitter, \$26.



MAKE UP FOR EVER Eye Shadow Refill in Gold Nugget, \$26.



DIOR Diorshow Fusion Mono in Equinoxe, \$53.



M.A.C Foiled Shadow in Lilac, \$39.

EXPERT'S TIP

“Use the layering method when piling on shimmer and glitter. Start with a cream eyeshadow as a base for everything else to adhere to, then add shimmer eyeshadow powder and loose glitter.”

— Elaine Lim



PRADA



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ALL THAT GLITTERS

Can we just talk about Pat McGrath's gold lips for Prada for a mo'? The standout lippie hue is actually the makeup maverick's own gold pigment, #Gold001, a limited-edition product that has since been sold out.

The pigment can also be layered on for intensity or rubbed into skin for the most amazing golden glow.



PRADA

GILDED TREASURES

You probably won't be able to get your hands on McGrath's #Gold001, so try these gilded alternatives:



MAKE UP STORE EyeDust in Gold, \$32.



M.A.C Pigment in Melon, \$41.

opposites attract

One takeaway from the Spring/Summer 2016 shows: When it comes to hair, always go with the polar opposite of the clothes.

Juxtaposed with feminine silhouettes like nipped waists, clingy cuts and soft, flowy textures at Celine, Ferragamo and Marchesa were smart, slicked-down hair, tightly and neatly tied up. The fashion-hairstyle pairings almost seem to say “I look delicate but I won’t come undone.”



LIESE
Super
Hard
Hair
Spray,
\$9.90.



PERCY & REED
Reassuringly Firm
Session Hold
Hairspray, \$26.



L'ORÉAL PARIS
Elnett Satin Hair
Spray (Extra Strong
Hold), \$4.90.

ELLE TIP

To keep those tiny flyaways in place, spritz some hairspray on a toothbrush and smooth strands down.



On the other hand, at Balenciaga, Michael Kors and Alexander McQueen, we saw clothes with stronger, sculptural shapes, or in tougher, heavy materials paired with soft, undone hair. The hairstyles looked so wispy and delicate that they seemed to be barely held up.

BALMAIN
Paris Hair
Couture
Texturizing
Salt Spray,
US\$40, from
Net-a-porter.
com.



SACHAJUAN Ocean Mist
Texturizing Spray, US\$29,
from Net-a-porter.com.



TONI&GUY
Hair Meet
Wardrobe
Casual Sea
Salt Texturising
Spray, \$24.90.

the top shelf

Beauty influencers reveal their *ultimate must-haves*.

Read: These really work. By Lieu Wei Ning



@silverkis

Linda, 36, vice president in an investment advisory firm

Beauty mantra: It's all about the base.

"I pay a lot of attention to good skincare – cleansing is essential – and I never skip steps, no matter how tired I am."

"This perks up dull and tired skin like magic!"

"I always have a jar of this on standby for days when my skin needs some S.O.S therapy."

"I wear it as a base, or on its own, or as a top coat for my lashes."

(From left) CHANEL Sublimage Mask, \$281, TOM FORD BEAUTY Complexion Enhancing Primer, \$100, GUERLAIN Abeille Royale Gold Eyetech Eye Sculpt Serum, \$188, ESTÉE LAUDER Little Black Primer, \$40, and Crème de LA MER, \$480.

"I use this on its own or with my Clarisonic."

"This decongests pores and gets rid of impurities without drying out the skin."

@beautifulbuns_sg

Cheryl Chio, 34, editor

Beauty mantra: Have good skin, will be awesome.

"My beauty routine is fast and simple. Keeping my skin healthy is my main priority, but I amp up the drama with makeup."

"I can't live without this."

(From left) RYO Damage Care Shampoo & Rinse, \$12.50 each, THE HISTORY OF WHOO GongJinHyang Foam Cleanser, \$55, SULWHASOO First Care Activating Serum EX, \$115, LANEIGE Water Sleeping Mask, \$42, and KIEHL'S Rare Earth Deep Pore Cleansing Masque, \$45.



(From left) GIVENCHY Le Soin Noir Yeux Eye Cream, \$285, SK-II Mid-day Miracle Essence, \$89, CLARINS Shaping Facial Lift Serum, \$106, CRABTREE & EVELYN La Source Ultra-Moisturizing Hand Therapy, from \$13, and LANCÔME Lip Lover in #316, \$40.



@loveforskincare
Leanne Ho, 43, homemaker
Beauty mantra: Listen to your skin.

"I brighten and protect my skin in the day; and cleanse and treat at night."



@roseannetangrs
Roseanne Tang, 25, owner of personal makeup school Bloom by Roseanne.
Beauty mantra: Practice makes perfect.

"This matte liquid lipstick has great pigmentation and lasts forever."

"They are the best synthetic brushes, ever."



(From left) INNISFREE Eco Brow Pencil, \$6, STILA Stay All Day Liquid Lipstick in Beso, \$32, 13RUSHES Make Up Your Mind Brush Kit, \$64.90, LANEIGE BB Cushion Pore Control, \$59, and NARS Blush in Deep Throat, \$50.

"With a flawless and fresh face, and a bold lip colour on — no one can tell that you're actually tired."

"I don't use anything else on my waterline."

"This fades dark marks and acne scars faster than everything else I've tried."

"This is the most natural-looking brow pencil for real-looking brows."



(From left) SHU UEMURA Hard Formula 9 Brow pencil in Stone Grey, \$33, URBAN DECAY 24/7 Waterline Pencil, \$32, SLOANE INC S6.5 White Plasma, \$96.30, CLARINS Lotus Facial Treatment Oil, \$68, and BURBERRY BEAUTY Lip Velvet lipstick in Oxblood, \$45.



@makeup_box
Candice Chen, 34, communications manager
Beauty mantra: Skin is king.

"My beauty routine is pared-down but flexible — I have temperamental skin so I switch my skincare accordingly."



the next frontier

Clarins once again harnesses *the healing power of plants* in its latest breakthrough whitening serum.

By Ong Soh Chin

As the effects of climate change become more obvious, human impact on our surroundings is becoming a more important issue for many corporations.

In the beauty business, pioneering French beauty brand Clarins has touted its use of plant ingredients from the very day it started — back in 1954 — and has always adhered to a philosophy of respect for nature.

It was perhaps fitting that Clarins unveiled its new breakthrough product, the Tri-Intensive Brightening Serum, last December, just as COP 21, the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, was being held in Paris, with Clarins president Christian Courtin-Clarins participating in one of the panel discussions.

At the product launch in Kyoto, Japan, the company's international scientific communications director, Marie Helene Lair, emphasised the importance of sharing information on a global level — not only with policymakers, but also with scientists and researchers, in order to anticipate environmental and lifestyle changes that will have an impact on our skin.

While COP 21 may seem a long way away from a skincare product, they are, in effect, inextricably linked. Says Lair: “The process of skin inflammation won’t change but the sources of inflammation can. So there is a need to study all these factors on a bigger holistic scale.”

new knowledge

For its latest product, Clarins collaborated with the Institut Curie, which specialises in pigmentation research. Together, they identified the impact of vesicles called exosomes in hyperpigmentation.

Basically, pigmentation starts when melanocytes produce melanin in the presence of UV rays. Then, these melanin

“The answers are all in nature. Nature is a library. But there are many books and ethno-botanists have to read all these books to find the answers.”

pigments are transferred to keratinocytes or the major epidermis cells.

The Tri-Intensive Brightening Serum is a precise instrument that targets exosomes, which serve as “envelopes” delivering micro-RNA messages from keratinocytes ordering melanocytes to produce melanin.

Research showed that micro-RNA in exosomes can stimulate the melanocyte to over-produce melanin by 25 per cent. This is above the regular stimulation caused by UV exposure.

strange fruit

Once the nature of this cell communication was identified, it was time to look for the right active ingredient to address the problem. As always, Clarins turned to its herbarium for a solution. “The answers are all in nature. Nature is a library.

But there are many books and ethno-botanists have to read all these books to find the answers.”

In this case, the extract of the acerola fruit from Brazil was selected. Known for its very high natural vitamin C content, it inhibited the ability of the micro-RNA within the exosomes to produce melanin, effectively reducing the exosomes’ impact on melanin synthesis.

The Tri-Intensive Brightening

Serum also contains lady’s mantle and sandspurry — known for their anti-pigmentation

properties — as well as the acerola seed which enhances oxygenation of the skin.

While the serum is revolutionary in its targeting of exosomes, the idea is not to completely stop melanin production. “We need melanin. We are not looking to suppress melanin production but to regulate it. We can’t stop cell communication completely but we can moderate its intensity by making sure the ‘messages’ are shorter rather than longer.”

the future of skincare

Once again, it is about working with nature, not against it. It is also about taking a big-picture approach to address specific problems, which is why Clarins is committed to more research collaborations. New results of further research with the Institut Curie are expected to be announced soon, even as Clarins continues working with other institutions around the world.

Indeed, Lair foresees a revolution in innovation: “Tomorrow, skincare research will have to leave the labs to study women’s skin in real life. It will be very open and incorporate our lifestyles as well as new developments in the climate and environment.

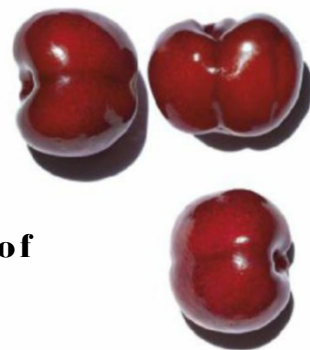
“That is why I love collaborating with experts around the world. It is a kind of technology transfer and it’s smart and dynamic. Everyone benefits because we can respond faster when we share information.”

ELLE

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

THE SERUM TEXTURE WAS LIGHT AND HAD A FRESH FLORAL SCENT THAT WAS DISCREET AND NOT OVERPOWERING. THE SERUM WAS EASY TO APPLY AND WAS ABSORBED INSTANTLY INTO THE SKIN, LEAVING NO GREASY FEELING.

White Plus Pure Translucency Tri-Intensive Brightening Serum, \$130, at Clarins counters.



BUY IT NOW

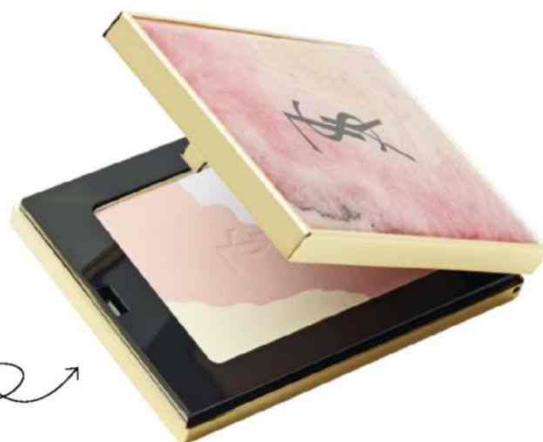
12 Weeks

SHISEIDO
White Lucent MicroTargeting Spot Corrector, \$155.
A lightweight serum that encourages skin renewal and minimises dark spots. The result: An even skin tone and a luminous complexion.



30 Seconds

YVES SAINT LAURENT BEAUTÉ
Face Palette Collector Gypsy Opale, \$95.
We are in love with this gorgeous packaging. That aside, this easy-to-use face palette, holding a mix of green, violet, pink and gold powders, gives skin a subtle glow.



fab flush

We're looking at these goodies through bubblegum-coloured lenses.

60 Hours

OLYMPIA Le-Tan for DIPTYQUE *Rosaviola* candle.
This candle, adorned with fashion designer Olympia Le-Tan's signature embroidery details, will add quirk to your shelf and delicately scent the air with its rose and violet bouquet.



1 Minute

COSME DECORTE
AQ Meliority Makeup Essence SPF20/PA++, \$145.
Use this lightweight essence after your toner to hydrate and instantly perk up dull skin. It also helps makeup stay on for longer – talk about multitasking!



8 Hours

ANNA SUI *Cream Cheek Colour*, \$38.
Dab on this gel-based blush for a fresh, rosy glow. It leaves a soft-focus flush that stays on.



4 Hours

L'ORÉAL PARIS
Color Riche Star Collection in Barely Pink, \$21.90.
Pucker up! Specially formulated with colour pigments that flatter Asian skin tones, this lippie is also enriched with oils to keep your pout soft and hydrated for longer.



6 Hours

ELIE SAAB *Le Parfum Rose Couture EDT*, from \$88.
Spritz on this feminine blend of rose, peony, vanilla and patchouli notes (the creation of perfumer Francis Kurkdjian, might we add) to leave a lasting impression on your date.

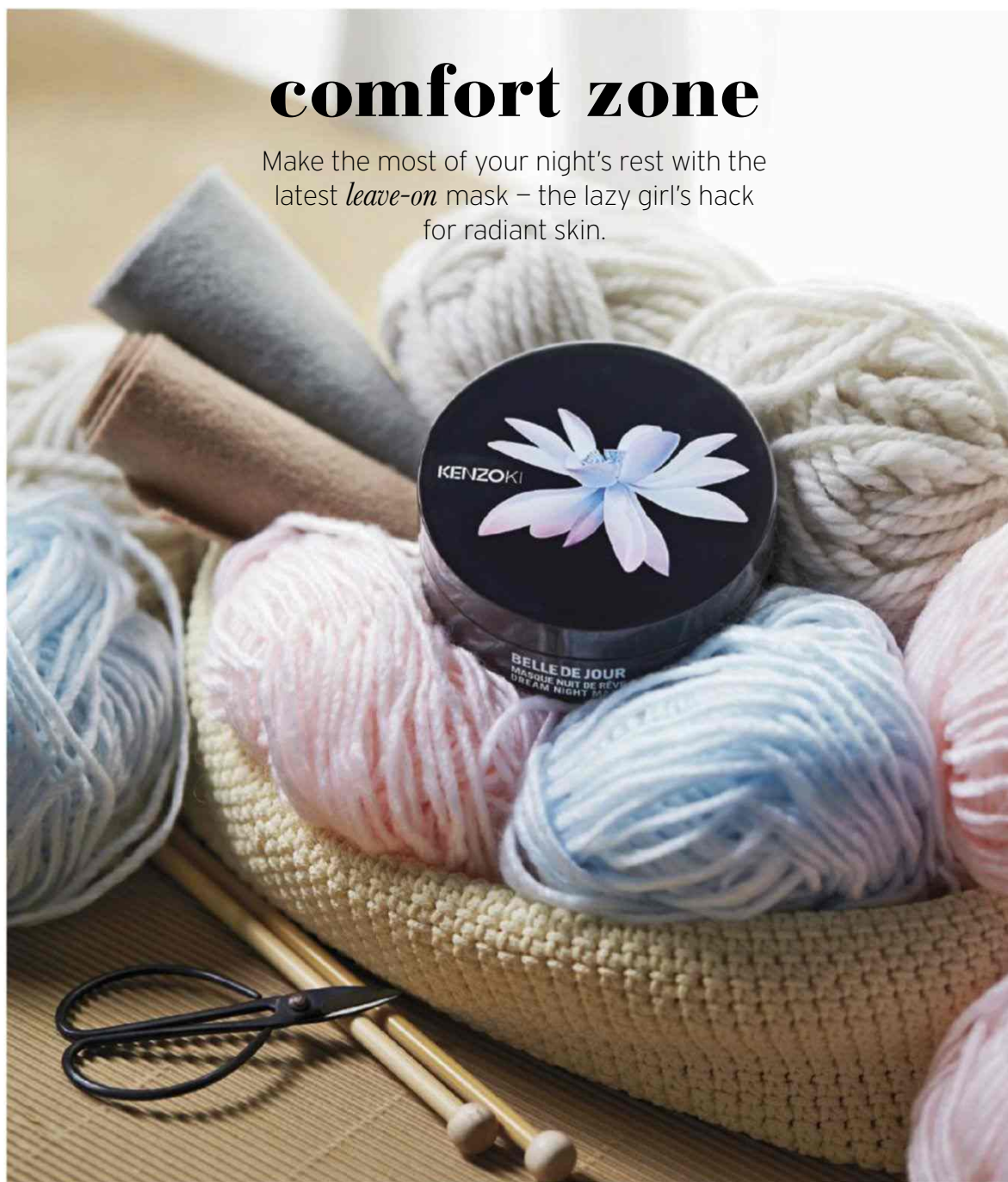


TEXT LIEU WEI NING

FIVE FACTS

comfort zone

Make the most of your night's rest with the latest *leave-on* mask – the lazy girl's hack for radiant skin.



1 SLEEP WITH IT.

Your skin loses water while you snooze. Use this as the last step of your skincare routine to create a protective veil, so you wake up to bright and hydrated skin.

2 IT HAS FLOWER POWER.

It contains skin-soothing white lotus flower and mirabilis jalapa to rebalance skin and diminish the harmful effects of skin damage sustained during the day.

3 IT FEELS LIKE MASHED POTATOES.

The lightweight mask melts into skin, and doesn't leave any residue on it. Read: No mess on your pillowcase.

4 ITS SCENT IS CALMING.

Who needs to mist their pillows before bedtime – when this mask's soft, powdery floral notes will lull you into a state of relaxation?

5 USE IT AS AN INTENSIVE TREAT.

To rejuvenate dull skin fast, leave this on for 15 minutes and remove any excess with a cotton pad. The result: An instant glow.

\$136. Kenzoki Belle de Jour Dream Night Mask is available at Kenzo counters.

scent your strands

Designed to leave tresses smelling *scent-sational*, these hair fragrances nourish and moisturise locks, too.

MISS DIOR HAIR MIST, \$70.

If you're a fan of the warm, citrusy Miss Dior scent, you'll love this. It left my hair smelling feminine with soft floral and citrus notes that lingered throughout the day. I like it so much, I don't even use my daily perfume any more.

Chew Huimin, 28, graphic designer

5/5

BALMAIN PARIS HAIR COUTURE SILK PERFUME, \$63.

This summer-inspired fragrance didn't just leave my hair smelling fresh and sweet, it gave it a glossy sheen, too. This also acts as a leave-in conditioner. It didn't weigh my hair down and left it tangle-free the entire day. Just wish it came in a smaller bottle so I could take it everywhere with me.

Germaine Phua, 31, investment planner

4.5/5

CHANEL CHANCE EAU VIVE HAIR MIST, \$59.

This is great for masking unsexy odours from lunching out at the hawker centre. It is easy to use, fits in my handbag and leaves my hair smelling fresh and floral without drying it out. I also love using this as a midday refresher or as a body fragrance as it doesn't leave my skin feeling dry.

Tania Lim, 25, marketing executive

5/5

PERCY & REED EAU MY GOODNESS SHINE & FRAGRANCE SPRAY, \$45.

This is really a fragrance and shine spray rolled into one. I misted the non-greasy formula above my head and let it settle evenly on my hair. It left my tresses shiny with a trace of rose and honey, which made the most romantic smell to me.

Lina Goh, 30, events manager

4.5/5

BYREDO BLANCHE HAIR PERFUME, \$78.

I can't get enough of this! One spritz is all it takes to leave hair smelling oh-so-clean. The long-lasting scent, which reminds me of freshly done laundry, lingers through the day and masks any unpleasant odours instantly. I can't stop flipping my hair to get a whiff of the scent.

Vanessa Ang, 27, accounts executive

5/5



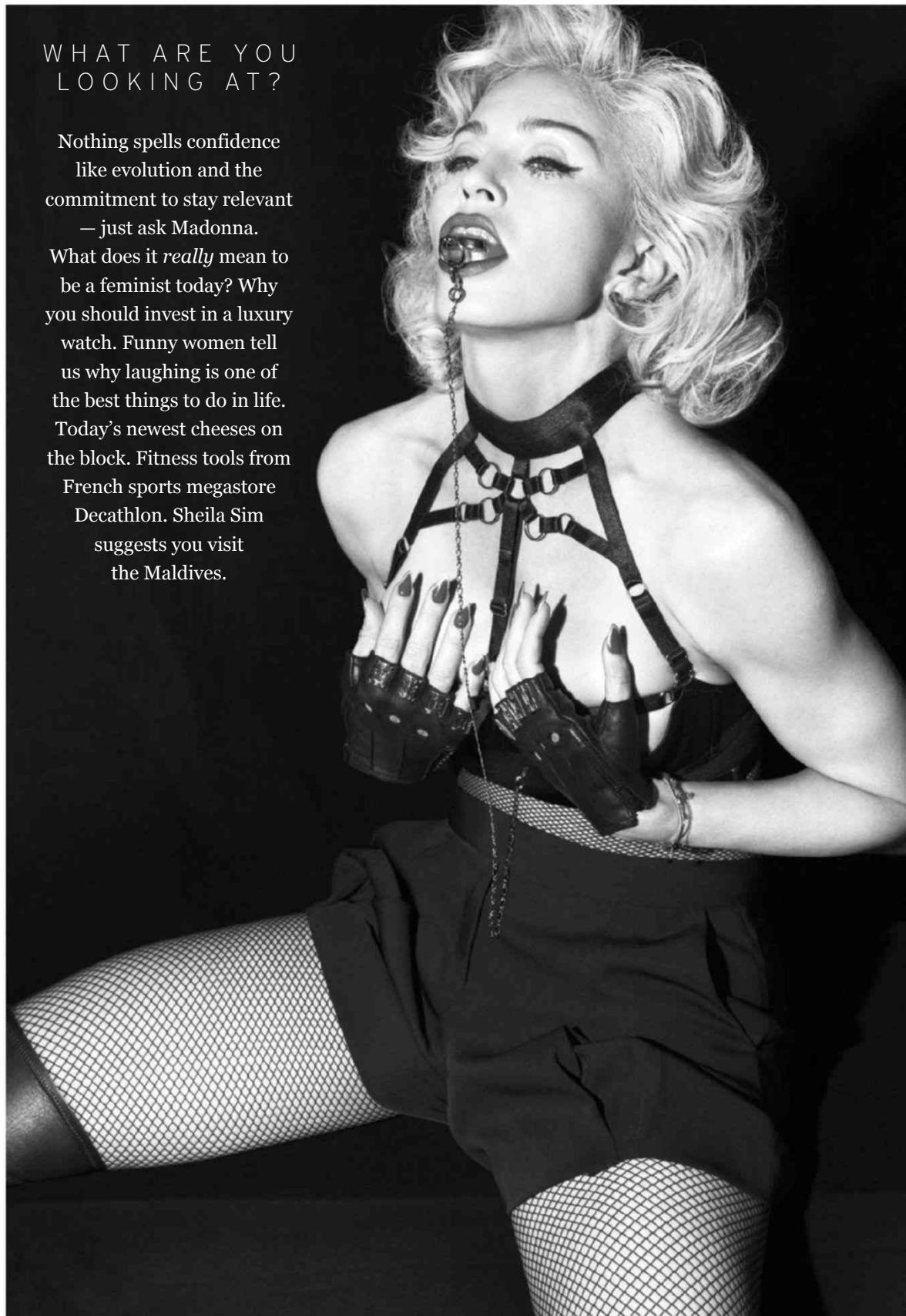
ALL YOU NEED TO CELEBRATE LIFE, LOVE AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT MATTERS

ELLE LIVING

WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?

Nothing spells confidence like evolution and the commitment to stay relevant — just ask Madonna. What does it *really* mean to be a feminist today? Why you should invest in a luxury watch. Funny women tell us why laughing is one of the best things to do in life. Today's newest cheeses on the block. Fitness tools from French sports megastore Decathlon. Sheila Sim suggests you visit the Maldives.

TEXT MICHELLE BONG PHOTO MERT ALAS & MARCUS PIGGOTT



PICTURE PERFECT



CASIO Exilim TR70 camera, \$1,399.



OLYMPUS Tough TG-870 camera.



LEICA M-P Brass Edition 35.



masterclass in session

Fashion has been – and continues to be – the catalyst for Madonna’s consistency and creativity in *the reinvention game*. By Michelle Bong

In the titular track from her studio album *American Life*, Madonna sings “I tried to be a boy/I tried to be a girl/I tried to be a mess/I tried to be the best”.

Those lyrics reflect a music career that’s spanned 34 years (and counting), 14 studio albums, numerous awards (Razzies not included) and 10 concert tours. The figures are impressive, not to mention her bank balance.

But in zooming up the pop hit charts, fashion has been a driving force powering her engines. With each album launch or concert tour, every look has been a refreshing update: Wedding dress-clad boy-toy, biker jacket-wearing bad girl, mysterious gypsy, S&M-esque Little Bo Peep, flapper chick, goth princess, Hindu goddess, dominatrix,

geisha, cowgirl, disco diva, cheerleader — she’s had them all covered.

Her latest look, leather-dipped bullfighter, reinforces how tirelessly she’s worked to stay relevant, putting herself through indefatigable transformations to remain a trendsetter in her own right.

the sound of fashion

In an ageist industry rife with slick packaging and an ever-spinning image production wheel, Madonna has maintained full control and done things her way from the beginning. A feminist in her own right, she challenged mentalities, pushed boundaries and provoked debate through both her work and her wardrobes.

She’s a trailblazer, alright; way before Rihanna wore the “naked” dress, Christina Aguilera sported navel-baring skirts or pants and Kylie Minogue shimmied in hotpants, there was Madonna.

Just as by the time Miley Cyrus twerked and pranced around on stage, Lady Gaga supported LGBT rights, Britney Spears upped the sexuality ante on stage or Taylor Swift picked up songwriting accolades, Madonna had already been there, and done that.

As a pop culture icon and (many forget) a Golden Globe-winning actress, Madonna has always made fashion an integral part of her music, videos, movies and shows. On the red carpet, some of her looks were covetable (the conical bras of 1990, the *kimono*-style outfits

of 2001) though others were just confusing (remember her English Rose phase and Prada tea dresses, circa 2003?).

Madonna has also been equally adept at pulling off high-end as well as *haute couture* offerings. She's always had a

is known for over 25 years of her fashion; she has incredible taste. And there's always a lot of enthusiasm and excitement whenever we reach out to designers to collaborate with us, and that's purely based on who Madonna is. She inspires so many people."

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— STYLIST, ARIANNE PHILLIPS

Over the decades, girls and women have copied her style, "Boy Toy" belt notwithstanding; we donned fingerless lace gloves, corsets, mesh tank tops, leather bracelets and later, *obi* belts, tweeds, leotards and fishnet stockings.

strike a pose

Throughout her career,

soft spot for Jean Paul Gaultier, working with fashion's *enfant terrible* for both the *Blonde Ambition*, *Drowned World* and *Confessions* tours. But she has also worked with in-demand costume designer Arianne Phillips for six tours and counting, the latest being the high-profile *Rebel Heart*.

In an interview with US ELLE, Phillips says, "Madonna

Her fashion conspirators on the *Rebel Heart* tour — Alessandro Michele for Gucci, Jeremy Scott for Moschino, Alexander Wang and Fausto Puglisi, Nicolas Jebran, Miu Miu, Prada and Swarovski — are pulling out all the stops to create her best tour looks to date.

Singapore audiences are in for a dazzling visual spectacle when she makes the stage her runway on 28 February. Not giddy with anticipation yet? Now is the time.

An extension of her show wardrobe is her carefully

MADONNA: A FASHIONABLE TIMELINE

We chart our fave looks from the Material Girl.



1984

Like a Virgin, her first No. 1 hit, tops the Billboard Hot 100 for six weeks. Frankly, we're more obsessed with her lace corset and voluminous tulle skirt.



1986

The *Papa Don't Preach* video, featuring Madonna in a Breton top and biker jacket — wardrobe staples that remain *de rigueur* today.



1989

Like a Prayer reaches No. 1, as its controversial video draws criticism from the Vatican and ends her endorsement deal with Pepsi. But oh, that sexy slip dress!



1992

Rain — from her album *Erotica* — celebrates the '90s. We're loving a streamlined-looking Madonna in a white tank, maxi-skirt and Adidas kicks.



1998

Ray of Light, her first album of original songs in four years, is released. The album cover makes us want to go out and buy silk shirts, pronto.





COVER STORY

cultivated red-carpet wardrobe. Madonna has mixed things up well, appearing in Christian Dior and Ralph Lauren suits; dresses by Versace, Louis Vuitton and L'Wren Scott; and gowns by Dolce & Gabbana, Marchesa, Christian Dior and Reem Acra.

She's also enjoyed fashion collaborations with some of today's hottest labels. She has an M By Madonna H&M collection (2007) to her name and appeared in ad campaigns for Versace (1995, 2005 and 2015), Gap (2003) and Dolce & Gabbana (2010).

what are you looking at?

These outings have cemented her standing as a style icon and an ongoing influencer of modern fashion — one driven by success and relentless stamina. Yes, we want her amazingly toned body, but certainly not more than we

want her dresses, shirts, capes, *et al.*

As long as she stays in showbiz, the power to titillate remains firmly in Madonna's grasp. Never mind how her haters (and there are legions) label her "a has-been", "irrelevant", "desperate" or "a grandma who's trying too hard it's embarrassing".

"TO HAVE FUN, THAT'S THE MAIN ISSUE. TO CONTINUE TO BE A PROVOCATEUR... TO DO WHAT WE PERCEIVE AS THE REALM OF YOUNG PEOPLE, TO BE REBELLIOUS, TO START A REVOLUTION." — **MADONNA**

I suspect she couldn't care less — after all, she's famously said, "People think they will wake up one day and I will be gone. But I'm never going away."

In a magazine interview several years ago, she also pointed out, "I find whenever someone writes anything about me, my age is right after my name. It's almost

like they're saying, 'Here she is, but remember she's this age, so she's not that relevant anymore.' Or 'Let's punish her by reminding her and everyone else.' When you put someone's age down, you're limiting them.

"To have fun, that's the main issue. To continue to

be a provocateur, to do what we perceive as the realm of young people, to provoke, to be rebellious, to start a revolution."

For sure, she's walking the talk. When it comes to Madonna, enduring chameleon that she is, only one constant remains: What will she do — and wear — next? **ELLE**



2000

Music is released three days after the title track hits No. 1. The album tops the charts — her first in over a decade — and brings back cowboy hats. *Yee haw!*



2005

Confessions on a Dance Floor is her 10th album of new material and the sixth to reach No. 1. In *Hung Up*, she had us entertaining the idea that we could rock a pink leotard...



2009

The *Celebration* video is out. Instantly, we start lusty for that fabulous Balmain Fall 2009 bejewelled dress. And those Christian Louboutin over-the-knee corset boots are to die for.



2011

The *Girl Gone Wild* video got us hot under the collar for bondage-style tops and metal mesh tees. We're not even watching the gyrating male dancers, or hunky Sean O'Pry.



2015

Admittedly, *Bitch, I'm Madonna* isn't a great video, but all that fabulous colour (hello, Moschino!), the cameos and the "OMG, was that Alexander Wang?" moment proved to be saving graces.

feminism: *the (new)* *f-word*

There's nothing dirty about *gender equality* – just embrace the philosophy with the right attitude, says Michelle Bong.

Excuse me, are you a feminist? Most women would be caught off guard if posed this question. Granted, it's not an easy one to answer right off the bat. Images of bra-burning women with unshaved legs or armpits may even cross your mind.

Many women today aren't quite sure what it really means to be a feminist. That's generally defined as "someone who supports the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities". But the big debate kicks in over how these equalities should apply — socially, economically, and politically.

It's a seemingly logical philosophy, yet one loaded with baggage and misconceptions. That's because "feminism" has become synonymous with men-hating, and confused with misandry — an ingrained prejudice against men.

Some women reject the "feminist" label. Others don't believe in it, saying that it puts someone's rights ahead of another's. But contrary

to popular belief, feminism is all-embracing; it doesn't ignore men's issues to focus on women's rights — feminism seeks to break down gendered expectations so both sexes are on an even keel.

Being a feminist has no bearing on how you look, how you dress, who you see or how sexually active you are. While feminism aims to empower women, feminists don't see women as a weaker sex that needs special privileges or extra help. Done right, feminism creates societal awareness that women are strong and can enjoy the same level of achievements as men.

Perhaps American actress and writer Lena Dunham says it best when she declares that feminism is simply about women looking out for other women: "Do you believe that women should be paid the same for doing the same jobs? Do you believe that women should be allowed to leave the house? Do you think that women and men both deserve equal rights? Great, then you're a feminist." ELLE



does feminism have a place in singapore...

... where women enjoy at least 10 years of education, compete with their male peers for local or overseas job positions, and climb the corporate ladder?

The answer is: Yes. The employment rate for women may be at a high (76 per cent) for the prime working ages of 25 to 54, but female representation is lacking in top management positions.

Last October, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Grace Fu became the first female to helm a ministry. Labour Force Statistics in 2014 show women earn less than men in all occupational categories except clerical and support.

But things are looking up. According to 2015 data from www.diversityaction.sg, 60 more companies have appointed female directors to their boards. Former Member of Parliament, Dr Aline Wong, has become SIM University's first female Chancellor. As more Singapore women become graduates and breadwinners, it's exciting to be part of this changing social landscape — how are you going to contribute to it?

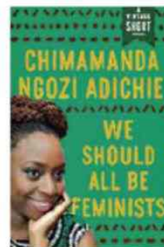
WHY DOES THE WORLD NEED FEMINISM?

Today, women hold important positions at work, get to vote, and are empowered by education to pursue their dreams. But till all the women in the world feel this way, the fight must carry on so that:

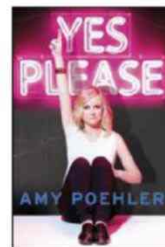
- 1 Sexually assaulted women **aren't the ones to feel ashamed.**
- 2 Female genital mutilation, still practised in up to **29 countries** and affecting **140 million women and girls**, will stop.
- 3 Women will no longer be told that by wearing a sexy dress, they are asking to be a **rape target.**
- 4 Marital rape laws are **toughened**, and child brides are **disallowed.**
- 5 Women will be paid the **same wages** as men, be it on a Hollywood movie set (you tell 'em, J-Law!) or a global MNC.
- 6 Women truly have **reproductive rights** and **proper access** to birth control tools.

GOOD READS

Inspired by Emma Watson's book club, we recommend some reading material to get you started.



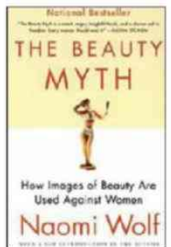
WE SHOULD ALL BE FEMINISTS
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



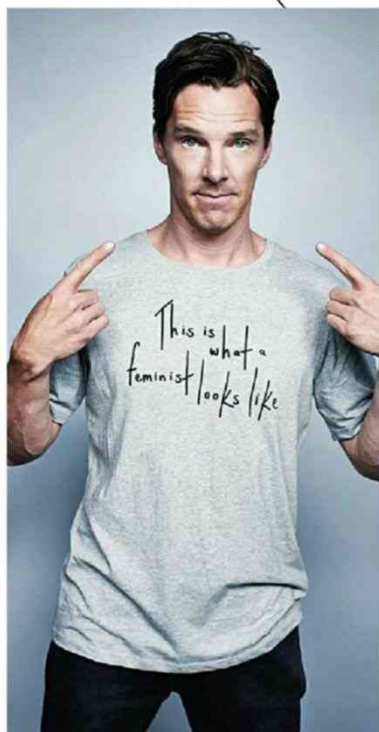
YES PLEASE
by Amy Poehler



MY LIFE ON THE ROAD
by Gloria Steinem



THE BEAUTY MYTH
by Naomi Wolf



CAN MEN BE FEMINISTS, TOO?

The answer is a resounding yes. As the late actor Alan Rickman once said, "There is nothing wrong with a man being a feminist, I think it is to our mutual advantage." Actor Benedict Cumberbatch has supported ELLE UK's feminism campaign in 2014 while singer John Legend told a crowd at his concert, "All men should be feminists. If men care about women's rights, the world will be a better place... a better society."

And Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who appointed a gender-equal cabinet of 15 men and 15 women after he was elected last November, received cheers when he addressed a crowd at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, saying, "Men have to be a big part of this [*feminism*] conversation. We shouldn't be afraid of the word 'feminist'. Men and women should use it to describe themselves any time they want."

“ALL MEN SHOULD BE FEMINISTS. IF MEN CARE ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS, THE WORLD WILL BE A BETTER PLACE... A BETTER SOCIETY.”

— SINGER JOHN LEGEND

5 myths debunked

Gender equality advocacy group Aware (aware.org.sg) sets the record straight.

MYTH: FEMINISM IS ABOUT FIGHTING, HATING AND ELIMINATING MEN.

FACT: Feminism is about challenging systemic inequalities. It doesn't portray men as the enemy.

MYTH: "FEMINIST" IS THE FEMALE EQUIVALENT OF "CHAUVINIST".

FACT: Feminism does not support female superiority; it works towards gender equality.

MYTH: FEMINISTS ARE OPPOSED TO MARRIAGE AND MOTHERHOOD.

FACT: Feminists fight for the rights of mothers, and many are married and are mothers. Feminists recognise that happy families are important.

MYTH: SOME WOMEN HAVE A HIGHER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS THAN SOME MEN, SO INEQUALITY HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.

FACT: Systemic inequalities exist at every level of society;

there may be female heads of Fortune 500 companies, but they make up less than 5 per cent of the total cohort.

MYTH: WOMEN HAVE THE VOTE, AND THEY HAVE JOBS. FEMINISM'S GOALS HAVE BEEN MET.

FACT: These achievements are great milestones... but there remain many inequalities in society's perception of men's and women's roles.

FAMOUS FEMINISTS

Meet the champions of equality for men and women.



ANGELINA JOLIE

A Special Envoy for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and an advocate for breast cancer awareness, she's pushing for women to stop being secondary issues.



EMMA WATSON

The UN Women Goodwill ambassador has raised the argument that gender equality should not just be an aspiration, but a reality.



DIANE VON FURSTENBERG

She gave us the wrap dress in 1974, which came to symbolise power and independence. Her advocacy group, The DVF Award, honours women who have made an impact in the world.



MALALA YOUSAFZAI

She was shot in the head by the Taliban, but survived and went on to travel the world to champion education rights for women and children.



JENNIFER LAWRENCE

The Oscar winner's essay on Hollywood's gender pay gap made fellow actresses cheer.

ARE YOU A FEMINAZI?

American right-wing radio talkshow host Rush Limbaugh is said to have coined this term that describes feminists with strong and radical views. Where do you stand? Take this tongue-in-cheek quiz to find out.

1. Deep down, you truly believe that next to men, women...

- A. Are superior.
- B. Should co-exist as equals.
- C. Are the weaker sex.

2. Your date says you look hot in that dress. You're likely to...

- A. Wonder if he sees women as a sexual object.
- B. Tell him he looks great in his smart shirt, too.
- C. Giggle and accept the compliment gracefully.

3. Which sentence do you identify with most?

- A. Why do you hold the door open for me — don't you know I can do it myself?
- B. Thanks for holding the door open for me. I would have done the same for you.
- C. Oh great, I didn't have to open the door. It looked pretty heavy!

Mostly A's

Wow, you are one angry chick and you need to lighten up, feminazi! You give feminism a bad name.

Mostly B's

Hello, feminist! You truly believe anything a man can do, a woman can do just as well. And with a little collaboration, the end result would be even better.

Mostly C's

It's time you find out more about feminism. You know your place as a woman in society, but a little more insight won't hurt.



The late mime artist, Marcel Marceau, made it his life's work to draw laughs without the use of words.

why so serious?

Funny women talk to Michelle Bong about the industry, self-discovery and the *benefits of laughing* at yourself.

While a great gym workout or a raucous evening of karaoke can dispel stress, the benefits of a hearty laugh should never be underestimated.

These science-backed benefits of laughing will impress: It stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles because as you laugh, you take in air; it increases your heart rate, making you feel relaxed; and it makes you feel happier.

Comedians Margaret Cho, Sharul Channa and Siti Khalijah Zainal agree. Being funny is serious business for them, who count Tina Fey, and late greats like Lucille Ball and Joan Rivers among their inspirations.

Making themselves noticed in a male-dominated industry, these women comedians excel in milking laughs and providing much-needed insights into the realities of our lives. Along the way, they also remind us to look for that silver lining in our dark clouds.

margaret cho

One of the most well-known women comedians today, Korean-American Cho, 47, is the woman behind critically acclaimed off-Broadway show *I'm The One That I Want* and sold-out comedy tours, and has appeared in several TV projects including *Drop Dead Diva*.

Who do you consider some of the funniest women in showbiz today?

MC Amy Schumer, who's like my daughter in comedy. She does a lot of what I do, raunchy comedy about the body, its image and its use — about feminism but also about fun.

Is laughter really the best medicine?

MC Yes! It produces endorphins, which makes life good. It's a great and powerful force... I love laughing and do it often.

What do you get out of your work?

MC I get to travel the world, meet amazing people, and live this insanely fun life.

Does coming to Asia make you feel more American?

MC I speak some Korean so I could probably understand things a bit better there, but in general, Asia feels very foreign even though everyone looks like me!

English author Christopher Hitchens once called women the unfunny sex. How do you feel about that?

MC I think it's hilarious that he is dead. Funny women dance on his grave daily. We do it in shifts.

Who were your favourite funny women growing up?

MC I loved Joan Rivers. She was why I wanted to be a comedian. I now work on her show *Fashion Police*. She was the best mentor and friend.

What do you think of *Fresh Off The Boat's* Constance Wu and *Randall Park*?

MC I love them. I love the show and I helped out a bit in the beginning when it was being created — which I discuss in my comedy, too. I think Constance and Randall are incredible!

What have you discovered about yourself in the process of being funny?

MC That beauty may fade, but funny is forever.

“BEAUTY MAY
FADE, BUT FUNNY
IS FOREVER.”



sharul channa

One of Singapore's most exciting stand-up comedy talents, Channa, 29, recently performed at India's biggest comedy festival and will appear at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2016 this April.

Who do you consider some of the funniest women in showbiz?

SC Ellen DeGeneres. Her humour is relatable to all people. Amy Schumer, because she didn't give up on her style of humour. And Kumar, who's more woman than many women out there.

Why should you laugh at yourself?

SC Asian women take themselves far too seriously. Beautiful Asian ladies watching me perform cover their mouths when they laugh. Why? Let go, laugh it out!

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I WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN
THE CROWN BACK... I AM
A SINGAPOREAN!
I WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE
BACK A TISSUE PACKET
OR A HELLO KITTY TOY.
THAT IS A CROWN, FOR
GOD'S SAKE!”

It's 2016, yet there are still so few women comedians...

SC Stand-up comedy is not a conventional career choice. No one says "Hey, why don't you become a stand-up comedian?" It's a male-dominant industry; you need a certain personality type to gel with the boys. I didn't have a problem because I have made grown men cry. Really.

How would you have handled the Miss Universe 2015 fiasco?

SC If I was Miss Colombia, I wouldn't

have given the crown back. Of course I wouldn't! I am a Singaporean — I wouldn't even give back a tissue packet or a Hello Kitty toy. That is a crown, for God's sake!

What have you discovered about yourself in being funny?

SC I love the smell of freshly withdrawn money from the ATM, which is why I always expect work payment in cash. When I earn more, I want to carry my money in a briefcase like you see in those old detective movies.



**siti
khalijah
zainal**

One of Singapore theatre's most recognisable faces, the 31-year-old is bubbly, witty and one of the newest cast members of local parody news bulletin, *The Moose*. The prolific stage and TV actress has been in various English and Malay theatre productions such as *Monkey Goes West* and *Gemuk Girls*.

What are the benefits of laughing at yourself?

SK Relief! To look at issues and problems and have a laugh at them with the audience is like having a free therapy session.

“KIDS ARE THE MOST HONEST BUNCH OF PEOPLE; IF YOU'RE NOT FUNNY, YOU'RE NOT FUNNY!”

Is being funny is a reflection of wit or the need to get laughs?

SK I prefer sharp jokes with a punchline. It's not easy to pull off but when delivered well, the insane laughter that follows is damn *shiok*! Other times, I have to literally look like a clown to make people laugh, but that's fun, too.

Who is your brand of funny for?

SK People of all ages and backgrounds. Theatre for children is one of the toughest things I've ever done. Kids are the most honest bunch of people; if you're not funny, you're not funny! But once you get them on your side, it's the best thing ever.

How would you have handled the Miss Universe 2015 fiasco?

SK I would shave my moustache and escape to Perth. Singaporeans love to escape to Perth, I don't know why.

Share your favourite joke.

SK I got this from a Filipino friend: Make a sentence using the words "chicken", "nut" and "bread". "My friend, she go and put a plastic over [her] head, and chicken nut bread (she cannot breathe)." ELLE

**FUNNY FOR
THE MONEY**

Here are our favourite quotes from these talents.



CONSTANCE WU
Fresh Off The Boat

"The real Santa is Chinese. Why do you think all the toys he delivers say 'Made in China'?"



ELLEN DEGENERES
The Ellen DeGeneres Show

"People always ask me, 'Were you funny as a child?' Well, no, I was an accountant."



MINDY KALING
The Mindy Project

"I have the right to life, liberty and chicken wings."

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timely returns

Why your next *fashion investment* should be a luxury watch. By Tan Wei Lin

The next time you feel the urge to splurge on yet another designer bag, pause and think — how about putting that hard-earned money towards a timepiece instead? True, your watch might not be the first thing people will notice about you, but it's frequently the accessory that will invite study on closer

interaction, and has every potential to positively shape the image you're projecting.

If you haven't noticed, watches tell much more than time. The brand, design and style — all these are indicators of a person's taste and level of disposable income. Then again, it's not about splashing out on the most expensive model, even if money is

no object. A luxury watch should preferably be purchased with some level of study, in order to find your ideal horological match.

Just like how a good watch can help men make an impression, women can also benefit from the image-boosting effects of a well-made timepiece, and here's why it'll be worth every cent you spend on it.

Besides being a functional accessory, a watch offers a whole range of style possibilities. With watchmakers now devoting more attention to feminine tastes, the options for women looking for a serious watch have expanded exponentially.

Secondly, a high-end watch guarantees you quality. Sure, a mass-market model has the essential functions, but there are differences that justify the price disparity — accuracy, reliability, craftsmanship and durability. It's one of the most sensible luxury investments you can make, being something that could become an heirloom piece.

While some invest in watches based on their projected value, we feel it's more important to buy a piece that you'll enjoy wearing. Don't go straight for the brands that everyone has on their wrists — do some research, try a few on, and figure out what works for your budget. And, when you walk out of the boutique with your new acquisition, it'll be one of immeasurable value to you. **ELLE**

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find your match

Which timepieces do your style and lifestyle point to?

1. Which of these outfits form the bulk of your wardrobe?

- A. Jeans, tees, casual dresses that aren't overly fussy.
- B. Minimalist styles in neutral colours.
- C. Feminine dresses and flirty separates.

2. What functions do you typically attend for work?

- A. Casual lunches with work partners.
- B. Conventions and networking sessions with high-level executives.
- C. Social cocktails and gala dinners.

3. Ever worn a fashion item borrowed from your boyfriend/partner's closet?

- A. All the time — white shirts, bags and watches.
- B. A watch, on occasion, but that's about it.
- C. No way. Are you kidding?

4. Which vacation sounds the most appealing to you?

- A. A beach or resort holiday, with some adventure.
- B. A culturally enriching trip with plenty of visits to museums and theatres.
- C. Big-city vacay with plenty of shopping.

5. Which of these designer bags fits best with your personal style?

- A. Balenciaga Motorcycle bag.
- B. Celine Luggage tote.
- C. Chanel 2.55 bag.

6. What is the most important quality an investment watch should have?

- A. Practicality and functionality.
- B. A clean, readable, classic dial.
- C. Decorative details and some bling.

MOSTLY A'S



True Automatic,
\$2,640,
by **RADO**.



Carrera Lady,
\$2,950,
by **TAG HEUER**.



Laureato,
\$21,300,
by **GIRARD-PERREGAUX**.

MOSTLY B'S



La Grande Classique de Longines, \$1,910,
by **LONGINES**.



Reverso Classic Small, \$6,300,
by **JAEGER LE-COULTRE**.



Portofino Automatic 37,
\$8,150, by **IWC**.

MOSTLY C'S



Happy Diamonds Icons,
\$13,640,
by **CHOPARD**.



De Ville Ladymatic,
\$21,700,
by **OMEGA**.



Clé de Cartier,
\$37,700,
by **CARTIER**.

hot hotel

The luxurious Loama Resort Maldives at Maamigili is the *stuff* *vacay dreams* are made of, says model-actress Sheila Sim.

I've always wanted to honeymoon in the Maldives. But last year, I decided to go there with friends instead — and I'm really glad I did.

From the minute I stepped off the direct flight, it was non-stop bliss. To get to the resort, I recommend you skip the domestic flight and speedboat option (it costs US\$400 one-way, 50 minutes) and take the seaplane. It costs more (US\$590, round trip) but offers 15 minutes' worth of fantastic views, including various resorts dotting the shimmering azure and turquoise ocean!



My other tip: Stay at Loama Resort Maldives at Maamigili. Located on a teardrop-shaped private island within the Raa Atoll region, it's made *Condé Nast Traveller Middle East's* Hot List 2015 of Best New Hotels in the World.

On arrival, I was wowed by my gorgeous Ocean Villa, my home for the next four days. I felt the stress leaving my body as it readied itself for four days of fantabulousness.

Your to-do list should include discovering the region's treasures and paintings by locals at the museum and art gallery; taking a dip in an ancient bath; and getting way too many massages at the lemongrass-scented Loama Spa.

Explore the nearby city, Maakurathu Island, to savour authentic Maldivian fare — it's very similar to Indian cuisine, so expect lots of spices and curries.

Visit loamahotelsandresorts.com for more information on villa or suite rates and amenities.



(Clockwise from top): Be greeted by a picture-perfect scene; enjoy romantic drinks on a secluded sandbank; Iru Café is one of six restaurants at the Loama Resort Maldives at Maamigili; an ancient bath.

Also go dolphin-watching on a traditional Maldivian *dhoni* boat or snorkel at Goimaru, a gorgeous private island nearby.

Back in Singapore, I miss being surrounded by unspoilt beauty, and enjoying some of the best sleep I've ever had. My first trip to the Maldives will definitely not be my last. ELLE

FITNESS

shaping up

We put some of *French sports megastore Decathlon's* bestsellers to the test.

B'TWIN 520 CYCLING GLOVES, \$22.90

Though this product is meant for cycling, I put it to a more rigorous test by bringing it wakeboarding. Comfy and lightweight, the padded underside offered a better grip as I did my jumps. Now I can stay out on the water for a longer time.

— Michelle Bong, *features and lifestyle editor*


KALENJI EKIDEN WOMEN'S T-SHIRT, \$5.90; AND ELIPLAY WOMEN'S SHORTS, \$19.90

I wore this outfit for a 45-minute gym workout. The verdict? I love how the soft material doesn't irritate or scratch my skin like other outfits do. Also, my perspiration was absorbed well so I didn't need to keep mopping myself.

— Ng Shi Qi, *designer*


DOMYOS WOMEN'S 360 COMFORT FITNESS SHOES, \$46.50

I've worn these shoes on 10km runs and found that they're more suitable for long walks and short jogs. They're a little too stiff and heavy for running long distances! But I like how they can be worn as casual shoes.

— Gracia Phang, *fashion stylist*


DOMYOS JUMP'IN SKIPPING ROPE, \$7.90

The ergonomic handles ensured I had a good grip. The skipping rope is also weighted enough, so it's easier to get into a good rhythm when you start going!



— Melissa Chew, *senior beauty writer*

GEONAUTE ONWALK 100 Pedometer, \$19.90

The best use of it would be on hikes or long walks, but since I'm office-bound, I only managed to clock 19,000 steps in three days – far from my goal of 10,000 steps a day! It's easy to use but I wish it could buzz me to get up and move.



— Joan Lim, *associate creative director*

OXELO NEW TOWN 9 EASY FOLD SCOOTER, \$279.90

I took this baby around my neighbourhood. It's easy to use and control, doesn't require much effort (one kick goes a long way) and is lots of fun. Unfolding and storage took less than 10 seconds.



— Lieu Wei Ning, *senior beauty writer*

about decathlon Fast facts about the global sports equipment and apparel retailer.

- It has 930 stores worldwide.
- It exclusively stocks 20 independent in-house brands, including Btwin (cycling), Tribord (water sports) and Quechua (hiking).
- Prices are between 20 and 40 per cent less than those at regular retailers.
- Its Singapore store stocks 95,000 footwear, apparel and equipment products for over 50 sports for men, women and children.

Decathlon is at Technopark@ Chai Chee, Chai Chee Road, and open daily (except for selected public holidays) from 9am to 10pm. Call 6225-4773 or visit www.decathlon.sg

fancy that!

It's high time you served *new flavours* on the cheese block.



Cheese — it's curious stuff. Some of us love it; the rest of us, not so much. If you belong to the latter category, we're pretty sure your aversion to it is the result of an unpleasant olfactory experience in the past. But here's what you should know: Not all fine cheeses are pungently scented, and those that are often pack tantalising flavours that make it worth

your while to get past the pong.

It's not uncommon to find yourself in a cheese rut, when the likes of burrata, camembert, gruyère and manchego have become pedestrian. Want to truly impress your friends at your next dinner do? Jones the Grocer's operations manager, William Payne, recommends some tasty, fancier alternatives to discover. **ELLE**



FOUGERUS

*Cow cheese from France,
\$10 for 100g*

A brie-style variety with a mild, sweet taste. It is not as salty as many traditional French brie cheeses, making it more appealing to Asian palates. A soft, supple and highly spreadable cheese.

PAIR WITH Chablis, fresh apple, grapes, orange and lime preserves, quince paste or crackers.

PONG RATING



MIMOLETTE AOC

*Cow cheese from France,
\$12 for 100g*

Its colour calls to mind the cantaloupe. This is a mild, dry, nutty cheese that can be used in cooking just like Parmegiano-Reggiano. You might want to stay away from the rind – cheese mites have been introduced to it to add flavour to what's underneath.

PAIR WITH Chablis or shiraz, dried cranberries, muscatels or cabernet paste.

PONG RATING



OSSAU-IRATY AOC

*Sheep cheese from France,
\$15.80 for 100g*

Picture this as you eat this cheese: It's made with new-season milk of Manech ewes that graze freely near the scenic mountains of the Pyrenees. The flavour is nutty, fruity, olive-like, while the mouthfeel is creamy and buttery.

PAIR WITH Cabernet merlot, orange and thyme jelly, dried cranberries or olive bread.

PONG RATING



SOTTOCENERE WITH TRUFFLE

*Cow cheese from Italy,
\$15 for 100g*

Studded throughout with slices of rich black truffle, this is bound to become a popular favourite. It's coated with nutmeg, coriander, cinnamon, liquorice, cloves and fennel, and then aged in an ash rind to retain the aromatics.

PAIR WITH Chardonnay or riesling, truffle honey, crispbread or baguette.

PONG RATING



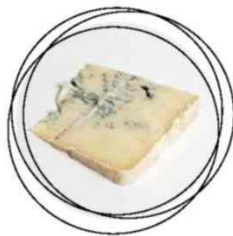
WYNGAARD GOAT GOUDA

*Goat cheese from Switzerland,
\$17.10 for 100g*

Made with goat's milk and cream, this is a firm, dense, smooth-textured yet slightly grainy cheese with hints of caramel.

PAIR WITH Shiraz or grenache, crispbread, dried prunes and figs, fig and fennel fruit paste or olive bread.

PONG RATING



GORGONZOLA PICCANTE

*Cow cheese from Italy,
\$12.50 for 100g*

This cheese has a robust, spicy flavour that gets stronger as the cheese matures. Texture-wise, it is moist and not too crumbly.

PAIR WITH Chablis, truffle honey, dried cherries, crispbread or baguette.

PONG RATING



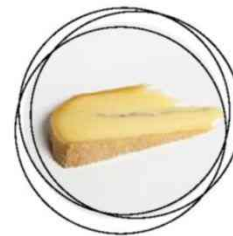
ROQUEFORT VIEUX BERGER AOC

*Sheep cheese from France,
\$14.60 for 100g*

Made with pure, raw sheep's milk with a high fat content, this blue cheese has a smooth and creamy texture. It packs an unforgettable punch in the palate that tapers off into rich flavours.

PAIR WITH Cabernet or vintage port, truffle honey, dried cherries, pear and muscat jelly, crispbread or baguette.

PONG RATING



MORBIER ORGANIC AOC

*Cow cheese from France,
\$9.60 for 100g*

A pressed cheese consisting of morning milk (on top) and evening milk (leftover curd that forms the bottom layer), which are separated by a layer of coal ash. Smells super-strong but is surprisingly gentle on the taste buds.

PAIR WITH Pinot noir, dried figs, crackers or crispbread.

PONG RATING



All cheeses available at Jones the Grocer, #01-12 Dempsey Road, Block 9 Dempsey Hill.



NOTEBOOK



SUMMER SOIRÉE

IKEA's new outdoor collection puts us in the mood for an al fresco dinner party – the paper lanterns, cushions, napkins and dinnerware in vibrant colours will make for a cosy evening gathering. If spending a day at the park or beach sounds like a better idea, you'll want one of the new foldable chairs in chic prints.



BARE MINIMUM

Amid all the floral prints and riot of colours you'll see this Spring/Summer, **COS'** new range is a breath of fresh air with its signature neutral palette and clean-cut design. The devil's in the details with the Scandinavian brand, and this season, latticework, folds, drapery and asymmetry add subtle oomph to its simple apparel, accessories and jewellery.

GRAB THESE LATEST SUNSCREENS



CHANEL
UV Essentiel SPF30/PA+++ and SPF50/PA++++, \$85 each.



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take it bag

Be bag-buddies with Kendall Jenner, Chiara Ferragni and Olivia Palermo and shop at **PAULA CADEMARTORI**. The Italian accessories label, known for its signature bright, graphic-print bags, is now at LaPrendo's boutique at Dempsey.

TEXT TAN WEI LIN, GWENDOLYN LEE, LIEU WEI NING & MELISSA CHEW



brighten that smile

The Sonicare AirFloss Pro HX8331/01 by **PHILIPS** promises cleaner teeth in less than a minute. To be used after brushing, this nifty gadget combines air and micro-droplet technology to remove up to 99.9 per cent of plaque, and effectively yet gently clean the nooks and crannies between your teeth. Ditch traditional floss and upgrade your oral-care regimen, we say, \$199, at major department and electronics stores.

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DECORTE AQ**
MW Neck Renew Cream, \$115.



IOMA
Crème Sublime Revitalisante,
\$270.



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Ultimate Miracle Worker Night, \$120.



BRIGHT LIGHTS

Jazz up that little black dress for your next big event with **MAUBOUSSIN's** Couleurs d'Amour cocktail rings. Each ring features a large, finely cut amethyst, rose de France amethyst, smoky quartz or blue topaz encircled by *pavé* gems and diamonds set in white gold. Talk about a statement ring!



2 PRODUCTS, 3 BENEFITS

Renewal, repair and radiance are the three R's everyone's skin needs more of. **ORIGINS'** new Three Part Harmony range offers just that with two simple products, an Oil-Infused Serum and a Nourishing Cream. The products boast a unique ingredient, Tazetta lily bulb extract, which improves the longevity of skin cells by giving them an energy boost. The range promises to help skin look more youthful and radiant in four weeks. *Three Part Harmony Nourishing Cream and Oil-Infused Serum, \$123 each, at Origins counters.*

NOTEBOOK



BAGGING RIGHTS

For Spring/Summer 2016, **SAMSONITE** introduces Mooval and City Air, two handbag collections that offer practicality without compromising style. Lightweight and durable, the selection includes totes, backpacks, cross-body and top-handle styles. As with the brand's highly popular suitcases, these are designed sensibly and built to last.



UNDERWATER WORLD

Add colour and sparkle to your daily ensembles with **SWAROVSKI's** new Sea of Sparkle jewellery. Taking inspiration from oceans, the pieces feature shades of turquoise, aquamarine and bold pink. Favourites like the Stardust bracelet and Slake Dot bracelet have been reinvented with bold seasonal colours, while new designs include the regal Eminence necklace and Euphory earrings.



do-it-all eye cream



Puffiness, dark circles, fine lines, dryness... it's likely that we all suffer from each of these eye-area problems now and then. **NEAL'S YARD** Frankincense Intense Eye Cream is a hardworking eye cream that effectively acts on all these issues. The botanical-based organic formula is clinically proven to lessen fine lines, dark circles and puffiness in just 15 days of use.

Neal's Yard Frankincense Intense Eye Cream, \$108, at Neal's Yard counters.

GET ZIGGY WITH IT

French label **SANDRO** pays tribute to the late David Bowie with a special capsule T-shirt collection. Choose from three designs which reference the legendary rock star during his Ziggy Stardust days.



BAT THOSE LASHES



BOBBI BROWN
Eye Opening
Mascara, \$49.



COLLISTAR
Mascara Art Design,
\$34.90.



TOM FORD
Waterproof Extreme
Mascara, \$68.

A STEP FORWARD

You can now wear **UGGS** all year round. The brand has released a whole selection of comfy summer-ready footwear, including strappy sandals, espadrilles, sneakers, wedges, and of course, its iconic boots. Look fresh in bold colours, metallic details and Latin America-inspired patterns. These shoes are made for days spent under the sun.



comeback king

PETER KOR is back! The beloved local label — which debuted in 1974 and closed in 1990 — has been relaunched with a ready-to-wear collection and bespoke services. The best part is, the brand is staying true to its dedication to dress independent, fashion-forward women. Its new collection is filled with meticulously made frocks with Oriental touches, and polished work-appropriate separates.



BREW FROM THE ORIENT

While famous for its tea leaves, the Yunnan province in China also boasts the perfect climate for growing coffee. **NESCAFÉ** Dolce Gusto taps into this source for its new Yunnan Espresso, produced using Arabica beans yielded from a single harvest. Its sweet, tangy notes and hints of passion fruit will surprise your taste buds. www.dolce-gusto.com.sg



WEIGHTLESS INDULGENCE

Don't let your love for sweet treats get in the way of your health. Improve your diet with **EQUAL** Gold, a zero-calorie sweetener with a crunchy texture that delivers a flavour close to what you get from real sugar. Produced with sucralose, a high-quality sweetener derived from sugar, its excellent heat stability and quick-soluble formula make it easy to use in everyday recipes and for baking. Available at major supermarkets.

NOTEBOOK

JOIN THE SCENT CLUB

Home-grown artisanal perfumery brand **CODE DECO** has started a scent club. For \$45 a month, members will get three "mystery" scents delivered to their homes. Over time, the type of scents you get will suit your olfactory preferences. It also makes a great gift. For more information, head to www.clubcodedeco.com.



SWEET KICKS

Walk in style with these feminine flats.



Ella ballerina flats with bows, by PRETTY BALLERINAS.



Ballet flat with feather trim, by REPETTO.



Gommette ballerinas, by ROGER VIVIER.

gold rush

Lend a little dazzle to any outfit with these gold-tinged timepieces.



Seamaster Planet Ocean 600M Master Chronometer, by OMEGA.



Classic Fusion "Racing Grey" watch, by HUBLOT.



Watch, by ESPRIT.

LINE OF DEFENCE

Add **FOR BELOVED ONE**'s Melasleep Brightening Daily Defence Cream to your arsenal of multitasking, all-in-one skin solutions. It not only protects skin from UV rays and pollutants, but also provides hydration and anti-ageing benefits, corrects skin tone and is a great makeup base.

For Beloved One's Melasleep Brightening Daily Defence Cream, \$53 for 40ml, in three shades – Rose, Peach and Lavender, available at Sephora.





new & improved

Everything you loved about **LESPOOTSAC** is now even better with its Essential collection. The American label's best-selling and heritage styles have been given an upgrade, boasting new and improved materials, hardware, styles and prints. The result? More lightweight and durable bags and accessories, all while retaining its signature fun and graphic aesthetic.

GLIMMER AND GLEAM

Fancy some sparkle? Head to **MONICA VINADER**'s new outpost here to satisfy all your jewellery needs. The British luxury jewellery brand has set up shop in Ion Orchard, housing all its collections, from bespoke gemstone jewellery to modern diamond pieces. With the likes of Emma Watson and Kate Middleton as fans, this is one store you won't want to miss.



LIGHTEN UP

GUCCI's sparkly and in-your-face-sexy Guilty fragrances for men and women now come in a lighter, fresher scent interpretation. Gucci Guilty Eau is subtler and takes on a more romantic vibe with warmer, aromatic notes.

Guilty for her EDT, from \$121 for 50ml, has a watery fruity top note, a soft, almost milky floral heart and musk at the base, making it subtly sweet yet sensual.

Guilty for him EDT, from \$104 for 50ml, blends lemon and bergamot with bittersweet orange blossom and aromatic patchouli for a woody, deep scent.



PARTY ANIMAL

Rock 'n' roll meets luxury in **NIKKIE**'s Pre-Spring collection. Party the night away in figure-flattering dresses, flirty skirts and moto jackets in decadent leather and rich shades of black, navy and purple.



tough times

Perfect for the adventurer is the new **OLYMPUS TG-870**, a super-resilient camera that will capture all your adrenaline-filled moments. It boasts the widest lens in the compact digital camera market and is waterproof up to 15m, crush-proof up to 100kgf and freeze-proof up to -10 deg C. On top of all that, it also has wi-fi compatibility and GPS function – isn't it the ultimate travel companion?



EVENTS



Elettra Rossellini Wiedemann (right) and Julianne Moore (far right) upped the glam factor at the Ferragamo event.



BEHIND THE SCENES

New York, USA

Ferragamo welcomed celebrities and VIPs including Julianne Moore, Dree Hemingway, Elettra Wiedemann, Carine Roitfeld and Eva Chen to Gancio Studios, where a movie-set fantasy world was created to showcase its debut eyewear and timepiece collections. At the venue, an interactive multimedia installation juxtaposed movies captured from the black-and-white era with digital Technicolor scenes, where guests became the stars, adopting the role of the glamorous screen idol or visionary director. The event also marked the culmination of the fashion house's 100 Years 100 Days digital initiative that celebrated Salvatore Ferragamo's century-long link to Hollywood.



BRIT CHIC

Capitol Piazza, Singapore

Discerning shoppers have reason to rejoice, now that Joseph has finally brought its brand of sophisticated British luxe to Singapore. The boutique — a minimalist space reflecting the brand's modern and clean aesthetic — was officially unveiled late last year with an elegant celebration. There's also more good news for fans of the label, as a second store will soon be opened here at a location to be revealed later this year.

TEXT TAN WEI LIN



DRESSED FOR A HOLIDAY

New York, USA

Tory Burch showed her Spring/Summer 2016 collection at Lincoln Center, bringing a breezy vibe to the arts venue with her beachy, nature-inspired pieces. Familiar faces including Anna Dello Russo and Jessica Alba were seen in the audience, admiring the vividly coloured looks that evoked a laidback island chic.



A CHARMED LIFE

The Grounds of Alexandria, Sydney, Australia

A Kate Spade New York event is sure to be a visual feast and this was just the case at the fashion, accessories and lifestyle brand's Aussie holiday-season party late last year. Taking ideas from *All In Good Taste*, its latest guide to entertaining in style, Kate Spade put together a charming celebration. Celebrities and social media influencers turned up dressed in the brand's signature looks that matched perfectly with the cheerful mood of the occasion.



A front row filled with chic personalities: Anna Dello Russo, Derek Blasberg, Liu Wen, Maggie Q and Jessica Alba.



SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Mandarin Gallery, Singapore

The first-ever Silent Yoga sessions to be held in Singapore were met with an overwhelming response from yoga communities. TV personality Liv Lo was one of the instructors who led these lessons, conducted via headphones worn by the participants. This unconventional initiative was part of Mandarin Gallery's Hush Hush Festive Weekend last year, marking the start of The Gallery Experience, a series of surprise events that will be popping up in the mall in 2016.

PISCES



19 FEB – 20 MAR

Somewhere in the next few weeks is the one thing every Pisces always wants – an escape. A chance to slip away from all the things you have to do, all the roles you have to play to meet expectations, and to just be yourself. But there's a snag. This particular escape has to be used right now, or not at all; you can't keep it for later. And once you've taken it, there's no returning. Think, therefore, before you say yes.

ABOUT YOU

Sensitive, imaginative, adaptable: Pisceans are able to match their behaviour to the mood of the moment. It's intuitive. It's why so many Pisceans work in fashion and the media, because Pisces picks up a trend almost before it's started! They are also the best agony aunts; when she says she feels your pain, she really does. But being all things to all people is exhausting, and every Piscean needs a space where they can be themselves. Her lucky colours: Mauve, lilac, sea green

ARIES

21 MAR – 19 APR

You know what you want to do, but right now it's impossible. Or so you think. What you really mean is you can't see how to do it, or that nobody you know has done it, or that you're sure there are rules and regulations preventing you, though you don't know exactly what they might be. But in fact, there are none – you will discover in the next few weeks that it's all much easier than you imagined.

TAURUS

20 APR – 20 MAY

You see each other, but never for long enough – and it's really hard to find a date when you can get together because you're both so busy. February goes by, but by March, the pace of life slackens and you have time to meet. It's nice, but you have more points in conflict than common, and you're surprised that you're the one controlling the relationship. So, what next? It's your choice.

GEMINI

21 MAY – 21 JUN

You may find yourself in that awkward situation where two friends refusing to speak to each

other are using you as an intermediary to relay phrases. It's a balancing act, of course, but it's also an opportunity for some creative diplomacy; after all, there's nothing to prevent you from changing the messages slightly to bring everyone together again.

CANCER

22 JUN – 22 JUL

You've always played by the rules, a set of self-imposed standards concerning what you should and shouldn't do. But what happens when those rules are changed, or no longer apply? Obviously, you can now do things you'd never have dared before – but you'll probably devise some new rules, mixing common sense and your conscience. Don't worry, you'll be fine.

LEO

23 JUL – 23 AUG

It's natural to be aware of past mistakes, and to do all you can to avoid repeating them. But when you get too deeply immersed, trying to change the outcome, or trying to erase every trace, it's time to take a step back and regain your perspective. There's no point in

re-fighting old battles. The future will be different, and better – but to make that happen, you have to be facing forward, not back.

VIRGO

24 AUG – 23 SEP

It's time to move a relationship up a level. No doubt you were always intending to do it when a suitable moment arrived, and were just arranging a few final details. But sometimes, the flow of events imposes a more urgent timetable, and this is one of those moments. Don't protest that you're not ready yet, just go with it. All that matters is who you're with and what direction to take.

LIBRA

24 SEP – 23 OCT

There are a lot of restrictions on you at the moment. You may feel that you are walking down a narrow passage with tall buildings on each side, and you can only see a tiny square of light, a long way ahead. Luckily, this is temporary, and you'll soon be out in the open again. But it's not all bad; by removing all other distractions, these external pressures are actually helping you concentrate on what you're aiming for.

SCORPIO

24 OCT – 22 NOV

You've probably experienced having plans that didn't work out the way you wanted, and you've learned to have a back-up ready that will rescue you if necessary. But what about events at the other end of the scale? What's about to happen is so unexpected and wonderful that it will completely eclipse anything you'd imagined. You won't need a back-up this time – you'll just need to re-think your whole future.

SAGITTARIUS

23 NOV – 21 DEC

It seems that in one specific area of your life, you've gone as far as you can. So what should you do? You could stay where you are; after all, there are worse places to be. You could walk away from it completely, and start all over again somewhere else. Or you could backtrack to where you were, make a few changes and try again. It's a compromise – but it might work.

CAPRICORN

22 DEC – 19 JAN

When things are said in conversation which you find hurtful or disagree with, you usually stay silent. But now, you can hold back no longer, and dare say what has been in your heart for a long time. Nothing can ever be the same from here – but you'd rather live truthfully than pretend to be someone you are not.

AQUARIUS

20 JAN – 18 FEB

The first time you try something like cycling or surfing, all you can think of is not falling off. But when you get to be good at it, the balance is easy, and you start to exploit it, leaning this way or that, carving your own lines. In the coming weeks, you get a chance to show just how good you really are, how sure of your abilities. To others, it looks terrifying; but to you, it's beautiful. Go for it.

SHOPPING GUIDE



13RUSHES www.13rushes.com #3.1 **PHILLIP LIM** #02-05/06 Hilton Shopping Gallery, 6304-1350 **AGNÈS B** L3 Takashimaya, 6733-1343 **ALDO** #B2-20 Ion Orchard, 6509-1198 **ALEXANDER MCQUEEN** #01-01/02 Scotts Square, 6443-9092 **ALEXANDER WANG** #02-03 Hilton Gallery, 6304-3571 **ANNA SUI** L2 Metro Paragon, 6235-4079 **ASH** #03-2A Ngee Ann City, 6881-4695 **BALMAIN PARIS HAIR COUTURE** www.net-a-porter.com **BIMBA Y LOLA** #B1-04 Ion Orchard, 6509-3305 **BOBBI BROWN** L1 Isetan Scotts, 6734-3130 **BOSS** #B2M-222 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6634-6297 **BOTTEGA VENETA** #01-04A Ion Orchard, 6238-0020 **BURBERRY BEAUTY** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6836-5516 **BYREDO** Essentials **CARVEN** #03-12 Ion Orchard, 6304-1373 **CÉLINE** #B1-130 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6225-4705 **CH CAROLINA HERRERA** #L1-19 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7503 **CHANEL** #01-59 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6634-7350. Cosmetics, fragrances and skincare at #B2-43 Ion Orchard, 6634-5500 **CHARLES & KEITH** #B3-58 Ion Orchard, 6238-1840 **CHLOÉ** L4 DFS Galleria, Scotts Road **CLARINS** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6738-4944 **CLÉ DE PEAU BEAUTÉ** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6235-6126 **CLUB 21** #01-01 Four Seasons Hotel, 6304-1385 **COACH** #02-19 Wisma Atria, 6733-7533 **COLLISTAR** Sasa, #01-83/84 Bugis Junction, 6336-9180 **COS** #03-23 Ion Orchard, 6238-8933 **COSME DECORTE** L1 Takashimaya, 6836-9159 **CRABTREE & EVELYN**

#B2-16A The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7968 **DIOR** 1-800-415-9990, contactdiorasia@dior.com. Cosmetics, fragrances and skincare at Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6738-6618 **DIPTYQUE** Essentials **DKNY** #03-12 Ion Orchard, 6304-1395. Fragrances at Metro Paragon, 6733-9015 **DOLCE & GABBANA** #01-21 & #02-11 Ion Orchard, 6509-3294 **ELIE SAAB** Fragrances at Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6737-5500 **ESPRIT** #01-73 VivoCity, 6376-9776 **ESSENTIALS** #03-02/05 Paragon, 6737-2478 **ESTÉE LAUDER** #B2-52 Ion Orchard, 6634-7287 **ETUDE HOUSE** #B1-20/21/22 Wisma Atria, 6737-2460 **FENDI** #01-30 Ngee Ann City, 6887-5981 **FOREVER 21** #01-10 313@somerset, 6834-4423 **FRESH** #B3-45 Ion Orchard, 6509-6481 **FURLA** #03-26 Ion Orchard, 6509-8662 **GHD** Sephora **GIVENCHY BY RICCARDO TISCI** #01-41 Paragon, 6235-4438. Beauty and fragrances at Robinsons The Heeren **GUERLAIN** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6733-3270 **GUCCI** #01-38 Paragon, 6734-2528 **GUESS** #02-01 Paragon, 6235-8847 **H&M** Orchard Building, 1 Grange Road, 6235-1459 **HERMÈS** #B1-41 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7111 **HOURLGLASS** Sephora **HUBLOT** #01-58 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7890 **IBLUES** L2 Isetan Scotts, 6834-9126 **ILLAMASQUA** #B1-32 Ngee Ann City, 6734-4302 **INNISFREE** #B2-34/35 Ngee Ann City, 6733-6728 **IOMA** L1 Robinsons The Heeren, 6735-8838 **JIMMY CHOO** #B1-118 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6634-1221 **KATE TOKYO**

Watsons **KENZO** #01-22 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7886. Fragrances and skincare at L1 Takashimaya, 6736-3013 **KENZOKI** L1 Takashimaya, 6736-3013 **KEVIN MURPHY** The Parlour, 33 Lowland Road, 8106-8099 **KIEHL'S** #B3-54 Ion Orchard, 6509-8941 **KIM ROBINSON** #02-12 Ngee Ann City, 6738-8006 **LA MER** L1 Takashimaya, 6737-4107 **LANCÔME** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6737-0095 **LANEIGE** L2 Metro Paragon, 6341-9730 **LA PRENDO** #01-10 15 Dempsey Road, 6474-8337 **LAURA MERCIER** Sephora **LESPOITSAC** #B1-12A Ion Orchard, 6634-7969 **LIESE** Watsons **LIVING PROOF** Sephora **L'OCCITANE** #B2-33 Ion Orchard, 6509-9068 **L'ORÉAL PARIS** Watsons **LOEWE** #L1-18 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7506 **LOUIS VUITTON** #01-23 Ion Orchard, 6788-3888 **LUNASOL** L1 Takashimaya, 6235-4661 **M.A.C** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6235-7718 **MAKE UP FOR EVER** #01-06, 36 Armenian Street, 6333-0678 **MANGO** #B2-16 Ion Orchard, 6634-1562 **MARC JACOBS** Cosmetics and fragrances at Sephora. **MARELLA** L2 Isetan Scotts, 6738-8433 **MARNI** #01-06 Paragon, 6304-1348 **MAUBOUSSIN** L2 Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6737-5500 **MAJE** #B2-109 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7124 **MAX & CO.** 2F Takashimaya, 6838-0290 **MAX MARA** #01-10 & #02-11 Mandarin Gallery, 6238-9138 **MICHAEL KORS** #01-16 Scotts Square, 6723-8068 **MIU MIU** #01-01 Paragon, 6735-5026 **MONICA VINADER** #B1-K7 Ion Orchard, 6509-6568 **MOSCHINO** #01-04/05 Paragon, 6732-1375 **MSGM** L2 Takashimaya, 6304-3577 **MTM** #03-21/22 Wheelock Place, 6737-1078 **MULBERRY** #01-01/02 Hilton Shopping Gallery, 6304-1357 **NARS** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6235-0967 **NEAL'S YARD** #01-75 Millenia Walk, 6337-2202 **NIKKIE** L3 Takashimaya **OMEGA** #01-11 Ion Orchard, 6509-9712 **O.P.I** Watsons **ON PEDDER** #02-12 Ngee Ann City, 6835-1307 **ORIGINS** L1 Isetan Scotts, 6887-0179 **PEDDER RED** #03-04 Ngee Ann City, 6735-5735 **PEDRO** #B3-10 Ion Orchard, 6238-2067 **PERCY & REED** Sephora **PETER KHOR** 15A Purvis Street, 6333-4484 **PHILOSOPHY** Sephora **PRETTY BALLERINAS** #02-49 Paragon, 6235-2085 **PRADA** #01-01 & #02-15 Ion Orchard, 6509-3113 **REPETTO** #03-15B Ion Orchard, 6238-1345 **ROGER VIVIER** #02-12F Ngee Ann City, 6737-8444 **RYO** The Shilla Duty Free, Changi Airport T2 **SAINT LAURENT** #01-25 Ion Orchard, 6735-7378 **SALVATORE FERRAGAMO** #01-10 Ion Orchard, 6509-8003 **SANDRO** #03-18 Ion Orchard, 6636-5972 **SCOTCH & SODA** #02-45/46 Paragon **SEPHORA** #01-05/06 Ion Orchard, 6509-8255 **SHISEIDO** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6733-2589 **SHU UEMURA** #B2-40 Ion Orchard, 6509-8931 **SINEQUANONE** Robinsons The Heeren **SK-II** L1 Takashimaya, 6734-3234 **SKIN INC** #B3-42 Ion Orchard, 6222-7428 **SLOANE INC** The Sloane Clinic #03-14 Ion Orchard, 6509-8108 **STILA** Sephora **SULWHASOO** Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6736-0339 **SWAROVSKI** #01-25 Ngee Ann City, 6734-8819 **TOD'S** #01-48 Paragon, 6738-3323 **TOM FORD** #B1-128 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6222-3778. Cosmetics and fragrances at Tangs at Tang Plaza, 6735-2712 **TOMMY HILFINGER** #01-38/39 Raffles City, 6339-0269 **TOPSHOP** #B2-01 Ion Orchard, 6509-8602 **TORY BURCH** #02-28/32/54 Wisma Atria, 6733-2980 **UGG** #B1-51 Ngee Ann City, 6732-5266 **UNIQLO** #B2-38/#B3-51 Ion Orchard, 6509-1073 **URBAN DECAY** Sephora **VALENTINO** #01-03 Ion Orchard, 6509-8062 **VERSACE** #B1-31 The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, 6688-7408 **WATSONS** #B2-06 to 09 Ngee Ann City, 6735-4936 **YVES SAINT LAURENT BEAUTÉ** #B2-34 Ion Orchard, 6509-7423 **ZA** Watsons **ZARA** #02-02 Liat Towers, 6733-0029



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stripes

This timeless pattern gets a *flashy upgrade*.

Now, as designers move away from the ultra-minimalism of the past few seasons into a more maximalist Spring/Summer 2016, they've taken the humble stripe and derived from it a multitude of colourful variations.

From Salvatore Ferragamo to Prada and Marc Jacobs, designers were adding every colour of the rainbow to striped pieces. The usually casual stripe has also been made red carpet-appropriate, appearing on evening gowns at Ralph Lauren and American label Milly.

If fashion weeks are anything to go by, this season isn't about playing it safe. Try stripes in different directions and widths, or go bold and mix your stripes with checks or florals.

When it comes to wearing stripes, it's all about making them work for your body. Horizontal stripes create the illusion of width while vertical stripes elongates the frame. If you're all out of options, the classic Breton stripe top never fails, lending a touch of *je ne sais quoi*. ELLE



keep it current

GO BIG

Head-to-toe stripes will get you noticed.

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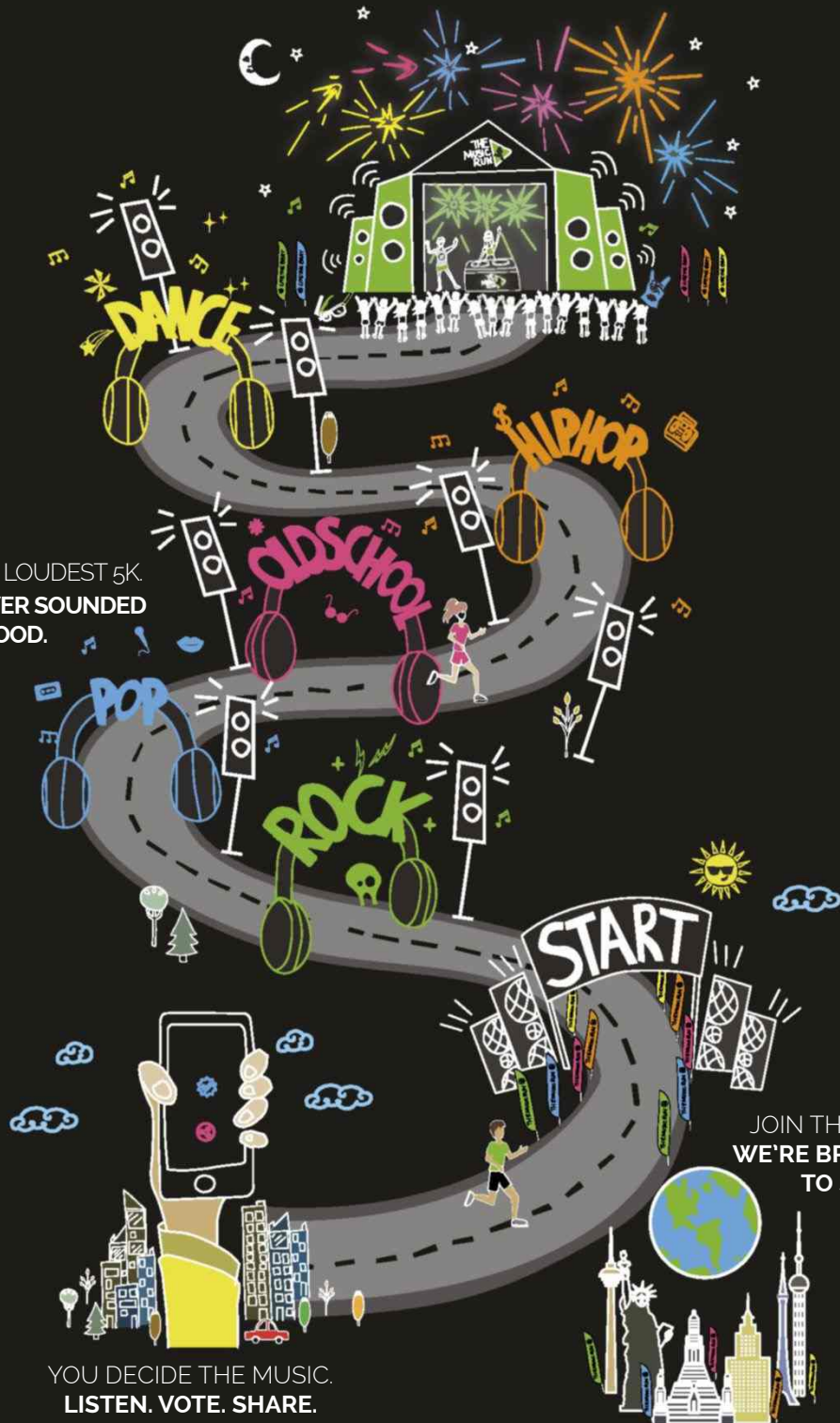
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